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ABSTRACT

This report recommends elastomer compounds and manufacturers for each elastomer seal in the reactor refueling system of the CRBRP (System 41).

This report discusses:

- Techniques for data acquisition
- Elastomer material review
- Seal leakage calculations
- Basis for elastomer selections.

The basic recommendations are to:

- Use Buna N elastomers for seal applications when service temperatures permit satisfactory life
- Use EPDM (ethylene propylene rubber) in sealing applications where operational temperatures are too high for Buna N
- Avoid use of silicone elastomer due to its extremely high permeation rate
- Use metallic O-ring seals only where longer service life is desired than may be obtained with an elastomer.

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to make material selections of the elastomeric seals for the reactor refueling system (System 41) of the CRBRP. This work was performed in 1976 and reflects the status of the design at that time.

The goal of these selections is to optimize properties to obtain minimum seal leakage with maximum seal life.

This report discusses:

- The methods and logic on which seal material selections were made and that form a basis for future selections
- The actual data and materials selected for the seals of System 41.

The logic/method discussion considers:

- Techniques for data acquisition (Section 4.0)
- Properties of elastomer material (Section 5.0)
- Seal leakage calculations (Section 6.0)
- Bases for the elastomer selection (Section 7.0).

The actual elastomer selections are found in the appendix.

Material selection of inflatable seals has not been performed at this time, due to current status of development, design, and manufacturing of the inflatable seal. To perform a proper material selection, these areas must first be resolved for the material selection to have maximum reliability.

The selections within this report are based on design data gathered from preliminary and conceptual designs. Final design may alter some of the locations and other design parameters. If this should occur, the guidelines established within Section 1.0 should be followed to verify and/or establish proper material selection.

It is desirable to standardize seal sizes whenever possible. Sufficient data to make such standardization are present in the appendix. The function of this report is not to standardize seal sizes. It is recommended that the data presented be used at a future time to make standardizations.

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2.0 CONCLUSIONS

The following conclusions were reached:

- The parametric study on seal leakage¹³ indicated that by proper elastomer material selection, the "tentative" leakage criteria may be satisfied.
- Selections of actual seals are based on preliminary and conceptual designs. Sealing networks may change before final designs are complete. Therefore, verification of satisfactory seal selection may be required at the completion of final design.
- Leakage studies have not been performed on all equipment of System 41. They may be required on selected additional equipment before the end of final design.
- In the selection process, to best meet sealing and life requirements for the variety of service conditions, leakage/permeation and seal life were regarded as primary criteria for selection, although other properties were also considered.
- Seal selections are often based on compromise solutions after consideration of available property data and known or estimated service requirements.

The general order of preference for selection is:

- Buna N (nitrile)
- Ethylene propylene (EPDM or EPR)
- Silicone.

Commercial compounds listed in this report appear adequate for the applications studied. Material developments from compound improvement and new technology should be monitored to ensure the availability of most effective seal materials and the development of supporting data.

The appendix presents application details and seal recommendations in tabular form for convenient reference.

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3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

This report recommends elastomer compounds and manufacturers for each seal in System 41. The basic recommendations are to:

- Use Buna N (nitrile) elastomer for seal applications when service temperatures are low enough and satisfactory life may be obtained.
- Use EPDM (ethylene propylene rubber) in sealing applications where operational temperatures are too high for Buna N to obtain satisfactory service life.
- Avoid use of silicon elastomer due to its excessively high permeation rate.
- Use metallic O-ring seals only when operational temperatures are too high for elastomer seals or longer service life is desired than may be obtained with elastomer seals.

Specific recommendations in line with above are given in the appendix.

4.0 DATA ACQUISITION TECHNIQUES

To select the proper seal material required having all pertinent design information and knowing the conditions that would affect the seal material. A review of elastomeric and sealing properties indicates the necessity of knowing the following:

- External effects
 - . Temperature
 - Hypothetical accident temperatures
 - Normal operational temperatures
 - Time at temperature
 - Number of cycles
 - . Atmosphere
 - Media
 - Pressure
 - . Radiation dose rate/total dose
 - Hypothetical accident conditions
 - Normal conditions
- Design criteria
 - . Seal type and application
 - . Nominal diameter and cross-section diameter
 - . Gland dimensions and surface finishes
 - . Nominal compression
 - . Leakage path
 - . Normal service life
 - . Desirable service life.

Since System 41 is large and complex, a chart format was used to record all the data (see the appendix). In some cases, the desired data were unavailable. For these situations, the assigned place on the chart was left blank or an acceptable estimate was made.

The gathered data are felt to offer a sufficient base on which material selection can be made.

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5.0 ELASTOMERIC MATERIAL REVIEW

5.1 INTRODUCTION

Considerable work has been done at AI to establish various elastomer types of interest for use as static and dynamic seals for CRBRP applications.^{1,2} This work has involved evaluating a variety of specific industrial compounds, and considerable data from suppliers as well as AI laboratories have been developed.

One aim of this study is to select from the variety of materials available the type most suitable for the majority of System 41 applications, thereby permitting standardization of materials and obtaining attendant benefits resulting from such optimization of compound selection.

All potential elastomer types were considered. Those selected, based on properties and testing at AI, are listed in Table 1. The properties of those compounds are shown in Table 2. These are typical values from the manufacturers, which permits comparison of materials.

TABLE 1
POTENTIAL ELASTOMERS

Vendor	Compound Number			Seal Type(s)
	Buna N	EPDM (EPR)	Silicone	
Parker Seal	N 741-75	E 692-75	S 684-70	O-Ring Q-Ring T-Ring
Minnesota Rubber	366Y-70	559 N-70	71417-70	O-Ring Q-Ring
Greene Tweed	969-70	952-85	407-85	T-Ring

TABLE 2
PROPERTIES OF ELASTOMERS^a

Property	ASTM Test Method	Buna N			EPDM (EPR)				Silicone		
		N 741-75 (Parker)	366Y-70 (Minnesota)	969-70 (Greene Tweed)	E 529-65 (Parker)	E 692-75 (Parker)	559 N-70 (Minnesota)	952-85 (Greene Tweed)	S 684-70 (Parker)	71417-70 (Minnesota)	407-85 (Greene Tweed)
Tensile strength (psi)	D-412	2440	2035	1980	2160	1560	1800	2111	1200	1095	790
Hardness, durometer "A"	D-2240	71	70	73	64	73	70	85	73	70	84
Elongation (%)	D-412	210	325	-	332	218	325	-	232	165	250
Tear strength (psi)	D-624	218	-	153	218	191	-	65	179	75	82
Specific gravity		1.20	1.24	1.23	1.25	1.15	1.16	1.18	1.23	1.43	1.26
<u>Air Age</u>	D-573										
Number of hours		70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	24	70
Temperature (°F)		257	212	392	302	302	212	392	347	437	392
Hardness, pts (change, pts)		75 (+4)	-	(+20)	68 (+4)	83 (+10)	(-2.5)	(+11)	75 (+2)	(+7)	(+2)
Tensile strength, psi (change %)		2370 (-3)	(+3)	(-57)	2070 (-4)	1720 (+10)	(+5)	(-96)	1300 (+8)	(-9.7)	(-1.6)
Elongation % (change %)		169 (-20)	(-20)	(-94)	358 (+8)	208 (-5)	(-13.6)	(-97)	250 (+8)	(-15.9)	(-7.2)
<u>Compression Set</u>	D-395 (25% comp.)										
Number of hours		22	22	22	22	22	70	70	22	22	22
Temperature (°F)		158	212	158	158	158	212	158	158	347	-
% of original deflection		3.2	8.4	7.8	8.7	9.6	17.0	5.7	3.2	12.3	8.8
<u>Abrasion Resistance, Tabor</u>	D-1044										
Weight loss (mg/1000 cycles)		8.1	-	-	9.2	13.6	-	-	8.1	-	-
<u>Resilience, Bayshore</u>	D-2362										
% rebound		17	-	58	48	46	-	63	17	-	65

^aManufacturers' typical properties.

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5.2 SEAL SELECTION CRITERIA

Elastomer seal selection is based on a combination of physical, chemical, and mechanical factors for development of a reliable seal with suitable service life. Factors of good seal design are extremely important, but beyond the scope of this report. To achieve desired seal characteristics, seal materials must have a combination of the following factors:

- Suitable temperature/life properties
- Suitable resilience (compression set resistance) characteristics to retain sealing qualities during desired life
- Low permeability to reactor cover gas(es)
- Resistance to gamma radiation levels anticipated in service
- Compatibility with seal lubricants, service environments (gases, Na vapor, etc.).

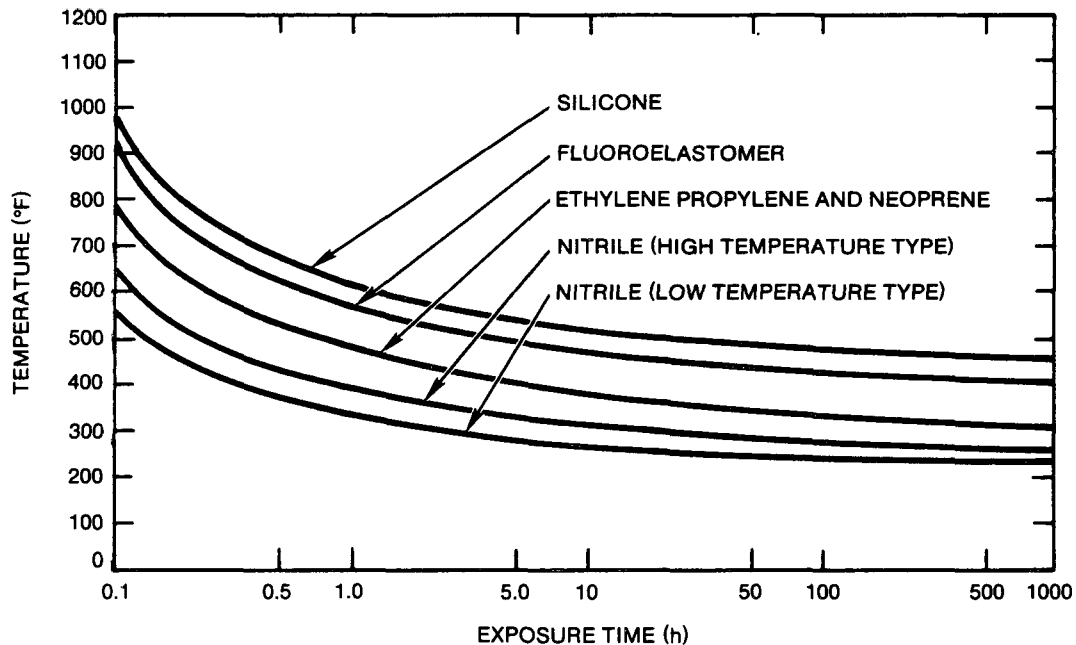
In these considerations, a life of 5 years between maintenance cycles (seal replacement) has been the goal. The above factors are briefly discussed below.

5.2.1 Temperature/Life Properties and Suitable Resilience

The various elastomers considered have characteristic temperature capabilities based on structure and compounding. Figure 1 presents a general comparison of temperature limits for several elastomers.

This chart cannot be used for precise predictions of seal life, but it does give a comparison of elastomer thermal properties. Temperature-time curves show the safe cumulative time at a given temperature for elastomers used as static seals. For dynamic applications, temperatures as much as 25°F below those indicated may be more realistic.

AI has done considerable work in estimating seal useful life. Compression set data have been plotted on Arrhenius-type plots in an attempt to predict the maximum temperature corresponding to a 5-year life.¹ In that work,



*FROM BULLETIN OR 5700, PARKER SEAL COMPANY

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Figure 1. Seal Life at Temperature
(data from Bulletin OR 5700, Parker Seal Company)

cracking of the N714-75 Buna N compound at temperatures of 150 and 200°F after 2 weeks' exposure was noted.¹ Tests conducted on Parker's N219-70 indicated a service temperature of 106°F, corresponding to a 5-year life with compound N219 at 90% compression.

Discussions with Parker's technical staff verified Buna N compound N219 to be a "general purpose" compound, superseded in September 1973 by their N674-70, the latter showing overall superiority and specifically significantly superior compression set resistance. Compression set resistance is the property of primary importance for seal longevity.

Concurrently, compound N741-75 was developed to reflect compounding improvement due to availability of new and improved materials and techniques and to provide the maximum in high-temperature oil and compression set resistance.

Further, on a theoretical basis, compound N741 should possess greatly superior compression set (and other) properties than N219. The former is a peroxide-cured compound, possessing the inherently greater stability of carbon-to-carbon bonding, while the latter (N219) is a sulfur-cured compound, possessing the weaker bonding characteristic of this curing system. Additionally, the approximately 50% compression of materials used in AI's compression testing is approaching the limit (normally around 60%), usually contributing to stress cracking of rubbers. Very likely, the five point higher hardness of N741 over N219 (75 versus 70 durometer "A") was also a contributing factor.

At any rate, Parker's N741-75 Buna N is an improved compound with remarkably superior thermal and compression set resistance (over both N219 and N674). Thus, the limiting 5-year life temperature of 106°F imposed by the N219 compound is considered lower than that obtainable by using a high thermal resistance, low compression set compound such as N741-75.

Figures 2 and 3 present comparisons of compression set at 25% internal compression (a range more like the optimum for O-ring static seals) for the series of Buna N (nitrile) compounds discussed.³⁻⁵ The superiority of Parker's N741-75 over the other Parker compounds is evident.

Table 3 presents further corroboration of this compound's improved properties.

The type of seal usage (e.g., static, dynamic, temperature cycling) has an important bearing on performance. The limiting compression set the seal can tolerate and still function depends on this usage. Figures 4 through 6 present estimated lives and corresponding temperatures for compression sets of 70, 80, and 90%.¹ In a static seal not exposed to thermal cycling, sets higher than 90% (conceivably approaching 100%) could continue to give satisfactory results, since one major cause of failure in elastomeric seals is thermal cycling. The combination of thermal expansion and stress relaxation act to greatly reduce seal contact stress during thermal cycling.

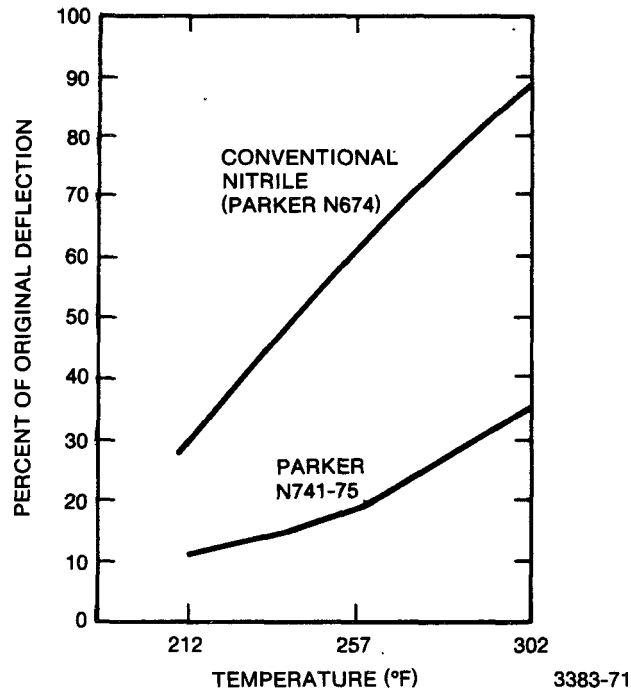


Figure 2. Compression Set,
ASTM D-395 Method B
(25% constant deflection,
70 h at temperature)

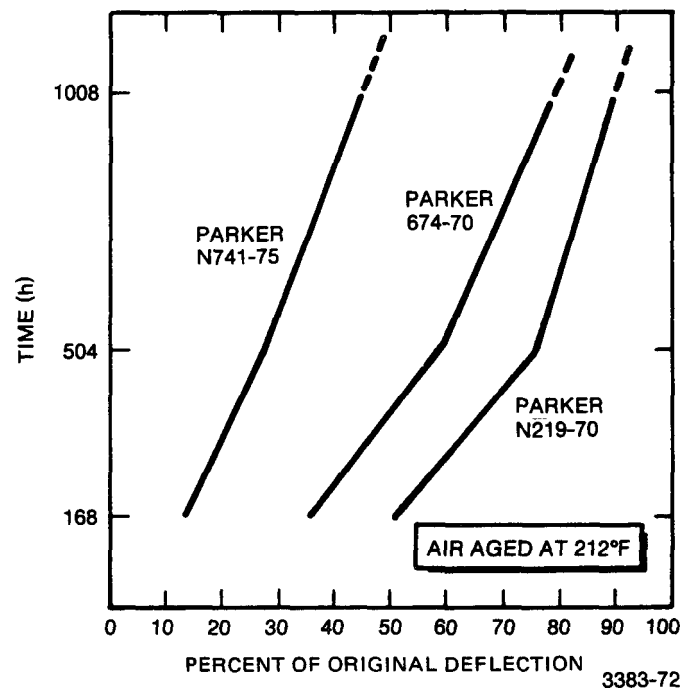


Figure 3. Compression Set, Percent of
Original Deflection
(ASTM D-395, 25% deflection)

TABLE 3
COMPARISON OF PARKER BUNA N COMPOUNDS

Property	Test Condition	Compound		
		N219-70	N674-70	N741-75
Hardness, durometer "A"	Original Properties	73 ^a	68 ^a	76 ^b
Tensile (psi)		2064	2363	2250
Elongation (%)		279	300	135
Modulus at 100% elongation (psi)		455	634	1300
Specific gravity			1.23	1.21
Hardness (change, pts)	168 h/212°F	80 (+7)	75 (+7)	82 (+6) ^c
Tensile, psi (change %)		2199 (+6.5)	2416 (+2.2)	
Elongation (change %)		244 (-19.7)	210 (-30.0)	
Modulus (change %)		840 (+84)	944 (+48.9)	
Compression set, 25% deflection, % of original draft		50.4	35.9	17 (extr)
Hardness (change, pts)	504 h/212°F	84 (+11)	84 (+11)	77 (+9)
Tensile, psi (change %)		2283 (+15.5)	2283 (+15.5)	2265 (-4.2)
Elongation (change %)		174 (-37.5)	174 (-37.5)	163 (-46.7)
Modulus (change %)		1186 (+160.7)	1186 (+160.7)	1455 (+129.5)
Compression set, 25% deflection, % of original draft		76.2	58.5	29 (extr)
Compression set, 25% deflection, % of original deflection (ASTM D-395)	70 h/212°F			11
	70 h/257°F		35 ^d	18 ^e
	70 h/302°F			35
	1000 h/212°F	89	78	46

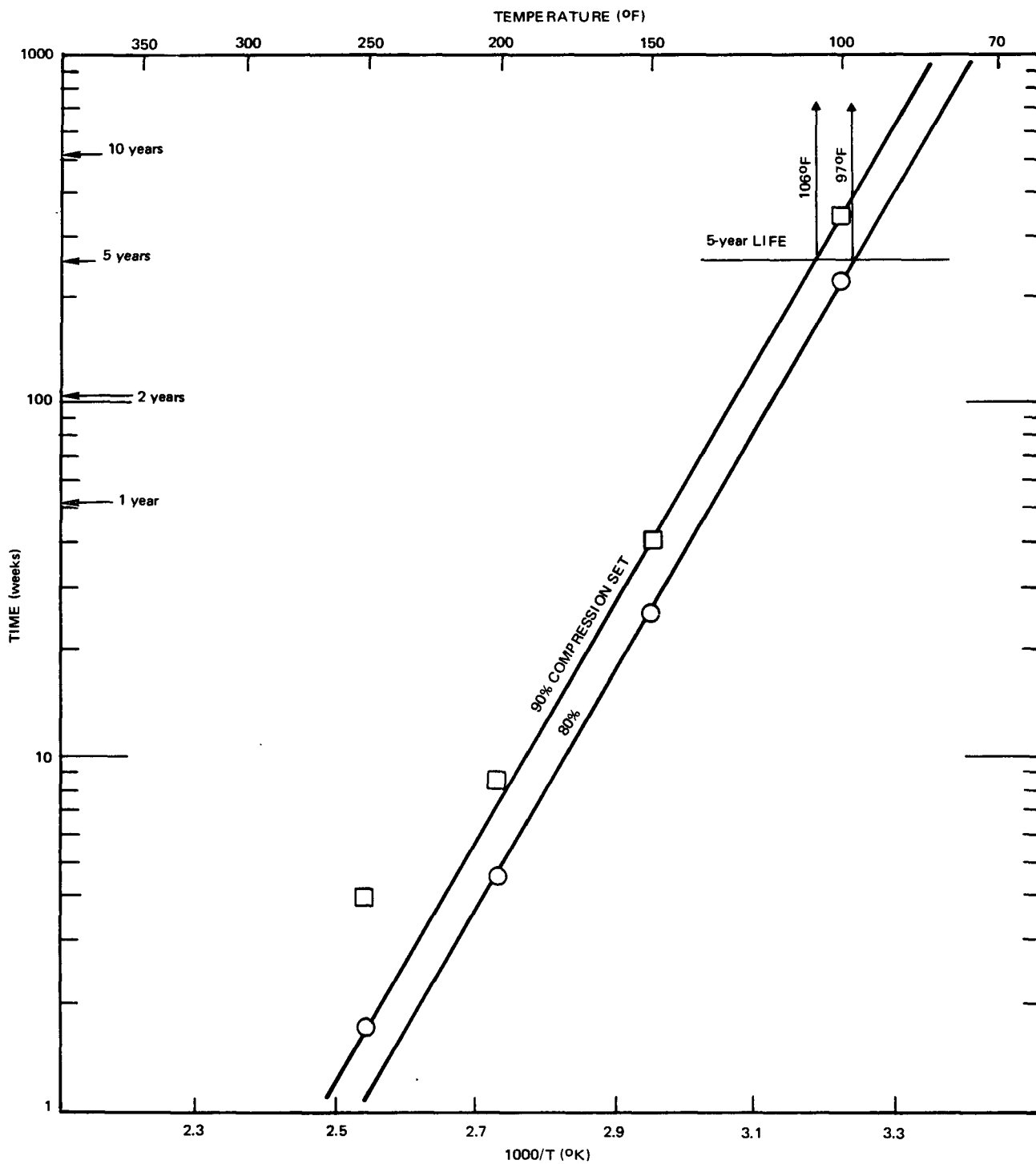
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^bReference 3

^c70 h/257°F

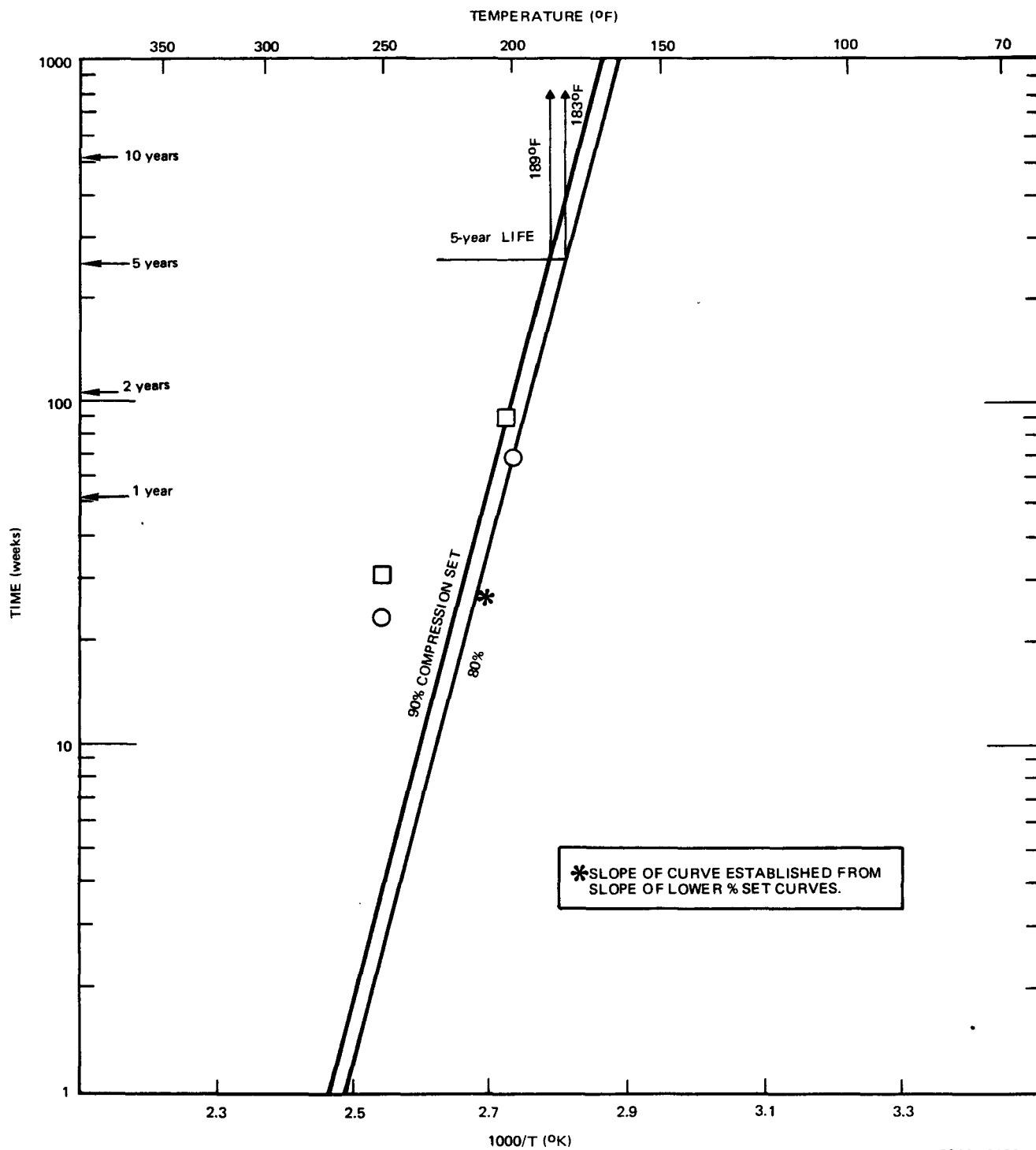
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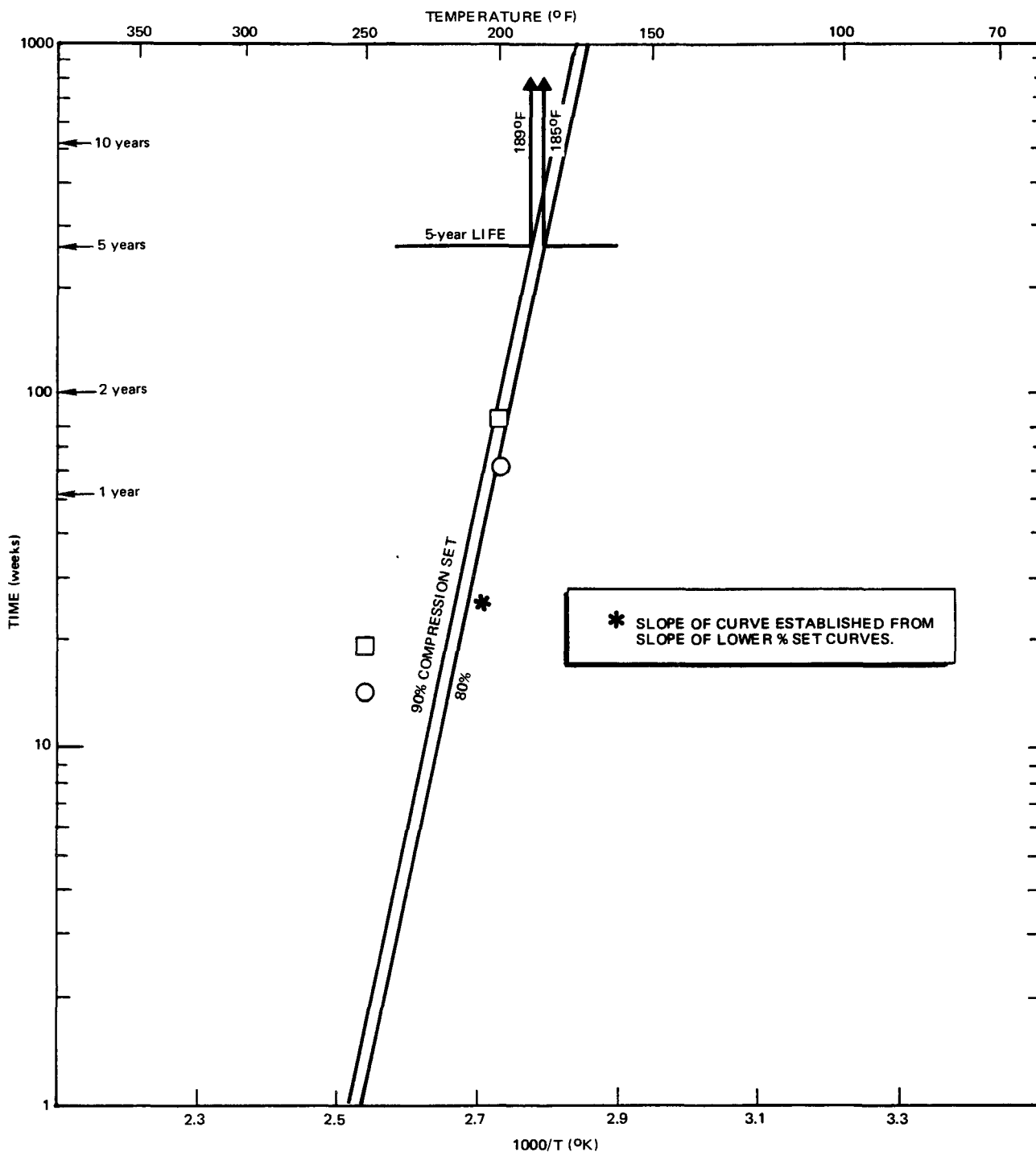
Figure 4. Estimation of Seal Useful Life at 80 and 90% Compression Set
(Parker O-ring seal, Buna N, compound N219)



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Figure 5. Estimation of Seal Useful Life at 80 and 90% Compression Set
(Parker O-ring seal, ethylene propylene, compound E692)

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Figure 6. Estimation of Seal Useful Life at 80 and 90% Compression Set (Parker O-ring seal, silicone, compound S684)

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As temperature rises, the rubber expands and stress increases, even though strain is constant. When temperature is held constant, stress relaxes. When temperature is reduced, the rubber contracts to the worst case; contraction can reduce stress to zero.

Expansion coefficients of elastomers and common material of interest are listed below.

Elastomer	Linear Coefficient of Expansion (in./in. per °F)
Nitrile (Buna N)	6.2×10^{-5}
Ethylene propylene	8.9×10^{-5}
Silicone	10.0×10^{-5}
Stainless steel (304 SS)	9.6×10^{-6}
Steel, mild	6.7×10^{-6}

Various available compression set data were incorporated with data produced by AI on compound N219.¹ These are shown in Figure 7. Although incomplete and made on different bases (54% initial compression for N219 versus 25% for N674 and N741), all data confirm the overall superiority of Buna N (N741), which should offer an estimated 25 to 50°F advantage in thermal/life capability. This estimation might well be subject to confirmation by test, in view of the desirability of using the Buna N type seal as widely as practical, due to its low permeability to gases of interest. Such confirmatory testing should be performed in the method of ASTM D-395, Method B (constant deflection at 25% initial deflection) to more closely approximate use conditions and not overstress the rubber.

A. J. Court⁷ analyzed compression set data from 1000-h lifetime vendor tests, usually at 25% compression, and longer term lifetime data obtained in the Cover Gas Seal Program as 50% compression. In many cases, reaction rate expressions were found to fit the data, and service lifetimes to 1% recovery (99% compression set) were predicted from the 50% compression data of selected temperatures. These are summarized in Table 4, and the maximum operating temperatures for a 5-year service life at 50% compression are also included.

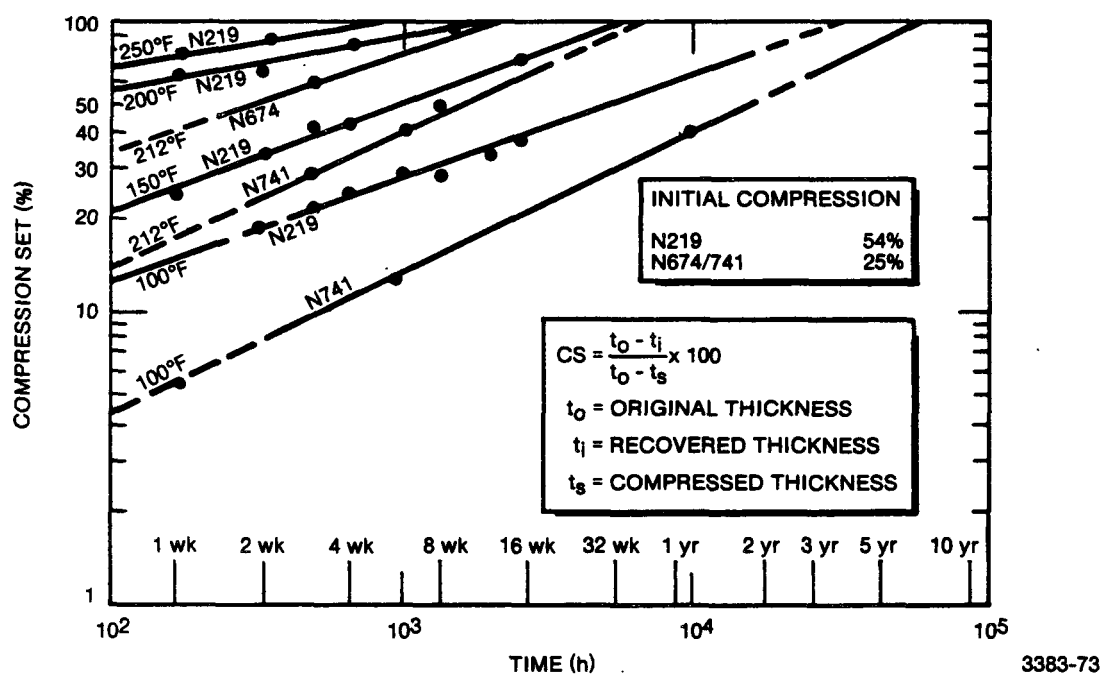


Figure 7. Compression Set Comparison of Parker Buna N Compounds N219, N674, and N741

TABLE 4
EFFECT OF TEMPERATURE ON RECOVERY FOR SPECIFIC ELASTOMER FORMULATIONS AT 50% COMPRESSION

Temperature (°F)	Buna N			Ethylene Propylene (EPDM)			Silicone	
	N741	366Y	N219	E692	E529	559N	S684	71417
250	-	-	-	0.53	0.43	1.0	0.56	3.1
200	a	2.6	0.31	2.2	3.4	1.7	2.9	33+
150	a	4.7	2.0	5.8	19.0	-	15	-
100	58	24	6	16.0	-	-	98	-
Maximum continuous operating temperature for a 5-year life ^b		154	107	166	188		180	

^aCracked in 4 weeks

^bEnd of life = 1% recovery.

If the 50% compression test data demonstrate lifetime at the expected operating temperature, then the lifetime at 5 to 30% compression will be extended because the lighter squeeze minimizes thermal degradation of the seal. Although the potential increase in service life may be predicted, and should be proportional to known or measured thermal and compression set properties of the elastomers considered, the only reliable way to predict life is to test the specific formulation at the temperature and squeeze of the actual application.

5.2.2 Low Permeability to Reactor Cover Gas(es)

Permeability, the tendency of a gas to diffuse through the elastomer, is a different mechanism than mechanical leakage around the seal. The permeability of an elastomeric barrier to a given gas depends first on the rate at which the gas dissolves into the elastomer surface, and then on the rate at which it diffuses through the elastomer. Permeability varies not only with polymer type, but also with compounding ingredients and copolymer proportions.

AI laboratories have made specific determinations on the elastomers of interest.¹ Tables 5, 6, and 7 compare permeabilities for Buna N, ethylene propylene, and silicone rubbers. The order of increasing permeability is Buna N, ethylene propylene, silicone; the relative differences between rubbers are large.

5.2.3 Radiation Resistance^{7,8}

The anticipated use of elastomeric seals in CRBRP applications places new requirements on rubber compounds. Although the mechanism of radiation damage to elastomers is not completely understood, it is generally accepted that ionization is the predominant factor that changes rubber properties. Displacement of atoms caused by energy absorption from incident particles and electromagnetic radiation brings about changes that are chemical in nature. Ions or free radicals are formed, with resulting polymerization, crosslinking, discoloration, dehydrogenation--with eventual cracking and degradation. Although

TABLE 5
COMPARISON OF PERMEABILITY (\bar{P}) OF BUNA N (NITRILE) RUBBERS

Gas	Vendor	\bar{P} (scc·cm/s·cm ² ·cm Hg $\Delta P \times 10^{-9}$)			
		Temperature (°F)			
		100	150	200	250
H ₂	Green Tweed ^a	1.44	4.0	9.6	21.8
	Minnesota Rubber ^b	2.0	5.0	10.5	21.2
	Parker Seal ^c	1.49	3.5	7.2	14.1
Ar	Green Tweed	0.15	0.47	1.3	3.1
	Minnesota Rubber	0.50	1.25	2.6	5.2
	Parker Seal	0.25	0.54	1.0	1.8
Kr	Green Tweed	0.13	0.57	2.0	6.1
	Minnesota Rubber	0.39	1.45	4.7	13.2
	Parker Seal	0.37	0.90	1.9	3.6
Xe	Green Tweed	0.14	0.69	2.6	8.8
	Minnesota Rubber	0.47	1.75	5.2	13.4
	Parker Seal	0.43	1.1	2.4	4.9

^aGreen Tweed compound 969

^bMinnesota Rubber compound 366Y

^cParker Seal compound N741

TABLE 6
COMPARISON OF PERMEABILITY (\bar{P}) OF ETHYLENE PROPYLENE RUBBERS

Gas	Vendor	\bar{P} (scc.cm/s.cm ² .cm Hg $\Delta P \times 10^{-9}$)				
		Temperature (°F)				
		100	150	200	250	300
H ₂	Green Tweed ^a	3.9	9.8	21	39	68
	Minnesota Rubber ^b	8.3	18	34	43	100
	Parker Seal ^c	6.4	14	28	47	80
Ar	Green Tweed	1.5	3.4	6.8	12	21
	Minnesota Rubber	2.6	6.1	12	22	40
	Parker Seal	2.2	5.2	11	20	36
Kr	Green Tweed	2.3	5.7	12	23	42
	Minnesota Rubber	3.3	7.3	15	26	46
	Parker Seal	2.5	5.8	12	22	28
Xe	Green Tweed	1.8	4.6	10	20	36
	Minnesota Rubber	5.4	12	24	42	74
	Parker Seal	5.1	11	21	37	62

^aGreen Tweed compound 969

^bMinnesota Rubber compound 366Y

^cParker Seal compound N741

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TABLE 7
COMPARISON OF PERMEABILITY (\bar{P}) OF SILICONE RUBBERS

Gas	Vendor	\bar{P} (scc.cm/s.cm ² .cm Hg $\Delta P \times 10^{-9}$)				
		Temperature (°F)				
		100	150	200	250	300
H ₂	Green Tweed ^a	72	170	325	580	980
	Minnesota Rubber ^b	42	110	245	490	910
	Parker Seal ^c	120	210	275	380	500
Ar	Green Tweed	34	76	150	245	440
	Minnesota Rubber	58	90	130	175	230
	Parker Seal	45	57	69	82	94
Kr	Green Tweed	92	115	140	160	185
	Minnesota Rubber	64	110	175	260	370
	Parker Seal	97	130	170	210	260
Xe	Green Tweed	14	58	183	470	1440
	Minnesota Rubber	95	135	185	230	285
	Parker Seal	163	195	230	260	295

^aGreen Tweed compound 969

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^cParker Seal compound N741

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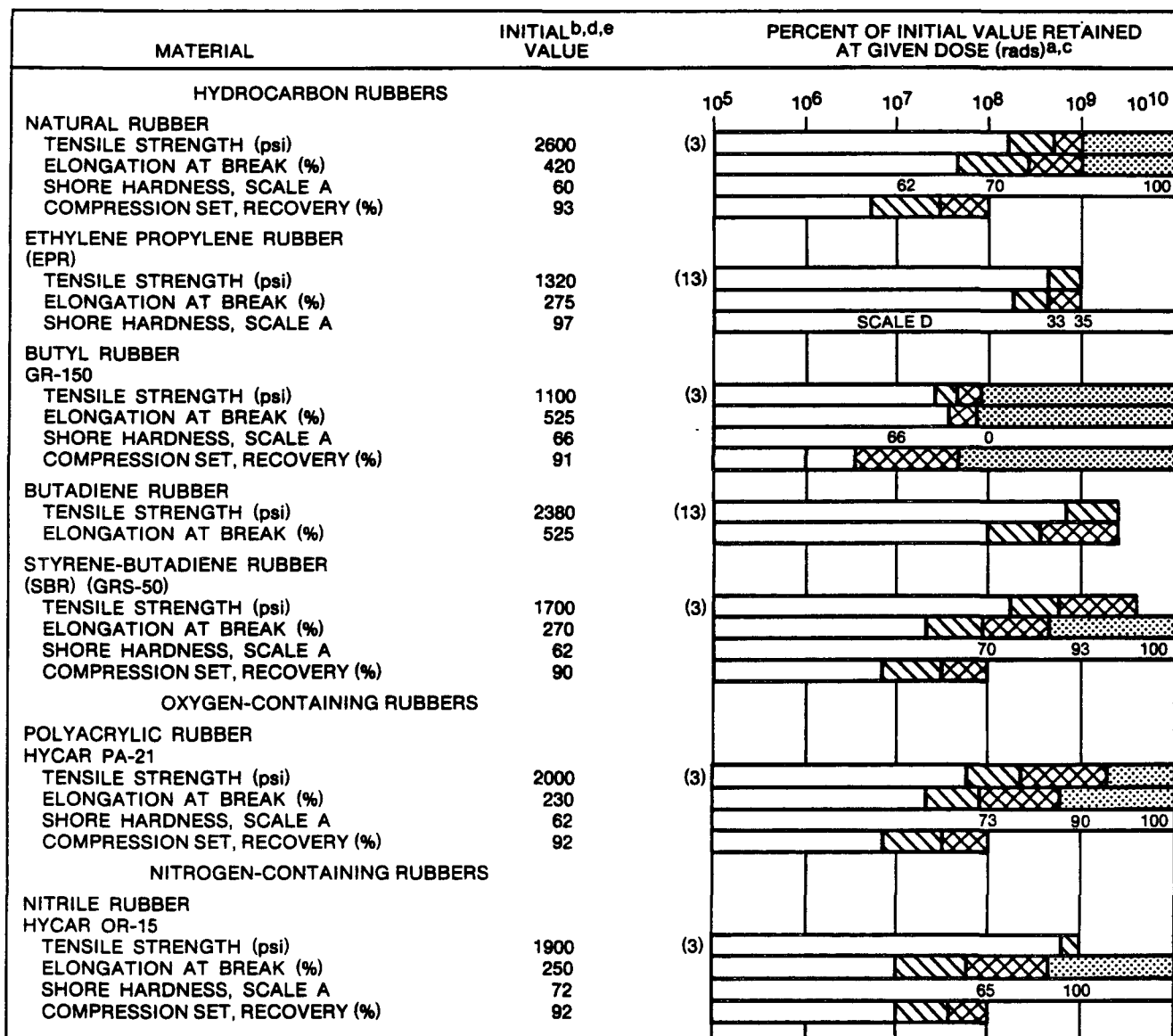
upgrading changes can occur under controlled radiation dosage, long exposure usually causes degrading effects with loss of properties.

The degree of change depends on several factors, including rate of radiation, irradiation time, energy of the radiation, material composition, environment (stress, temperature, pressure, atmosphere, etc.), initial state (often associated with the history of the material), and type of radiation.

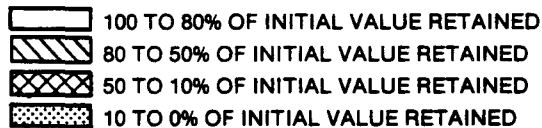
In this study, the radiation resistance of candidate seal elastomers was one of the criteria used for selection. Anticipated radiation environments in System 41 seal applications were studied, and seal materials were assessed for their suitability.

Figure 8 provides a general comparison of how elastomer properties are affected by gamma radiation. This type of rating scale should be regarded as general in nature because of the relative comparisons shown, and the difficulty of ranking different classes of materials as well as differences (due to compounding, processing, etc.) of materials in the same class. Also, it is necessary to take as many properties into account as possible to best study the behavior and effects of materials to radiation. This is particularly true for applications that do not require holding property changes to a minimum. For example, a substantial loss in elongation will not affect the utility of many types of seals.

Limited data are available on specific seal compounds of interest. Table 8 presents these data (obtained from one manufacturer),⁹⁻¹¹ which indicate the relative degrees of radiation resistance of materials. From these data as well as consideration of general elastomer characteristics shown in Figure 8, the Buna N, EPDM, and silicone materials would appear usable in gamma radiation levels of approximately 10^8 rads at ambient temperature. Higher temperature would cause corresponding reductions in radiation use levels; the reduction due to the combined effect is not necessarily additive.



^aKEY FOR RADIATION EFFECTS:



^bTO CONVERT lb/in.² TO kg/mm², DIVIDE BY 1422 SO THAT 14,220 lb/in.² EQUALS 10 kg/mm²

^cRAD EQUALS 100 ergs/gram OF SAMPLE MATERIAL

^dSHORE DUROMETER HARDNESS, DESCRIBED IN ASTM-D676-19T

^eCOMPRESSION SET, DESCRIBED IN ASTM-D395-49T

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Figure 8. Effects of Radiation on Rubbers
(Taken from Ref. 8)

TABLE 8
EFFECT OF GAMMA RADIATION ON ELASTOMER PROPERTIES^a
(Sheet 1 of 2)

Compound	Tensile Strength (psi)	Elongation (%)	Hardness (Duro "A")	Compression Set, RT (%)	
				Method B, 27% Deflection	Method B, 25% Deflection
Buna N					
<u>N741-75</u>					
Original	2440	210	70	2.9	
10 ⁶ rads	-	-	-	5.7	
10 ⁷ rads	-	-	-	24.3	
10 ⁸ rads	-	-	-	71.4	
<u>N674-70</u>					
Original	2363	300	68	4.3	
10 ⁶ rads	-	-	-	-	
10 ⁷ rads	-	-	-	17.1	
10 ⁸ rads	-	-	-	70.0	
Ethylene Propylene					
<u>E529-65</u>					
Original	2160	332	64		-
10 ⁷ rads	-	-	-		-
<u>E692-75</u>					
Original	1560	218	73		-
10 ⁷ rads	-	-	-		-
<u>E740-75</u>					
Original	2080	233	70		6.7
10 ⁶ rads	-	-	-		9.7
10 ⁷ rads	2140	194	73		28.6
10 ⁸ rads	1700	86	79		84.7
10 ⁹ rads	-	-	-		98.1

TABLE 8
EFFECT OF GAMMA RADIATION ON ELASTOMER PROPERTIES^a
(Sheet 2 of 2)

Compound	Tensile Strength (psi)	Elongation (%)	Hardness (Duro "A")	Compression Set, RT (%)	
				Method B, 27% Deflection	Method B, 25% Deflection
Ethylene Propylene (Continued)					
<u>E515-80</u>					
Original	1450	213	78		16.2
10 ⁶ rads	-	-	-		-
10 ⁷ rads	1220	176	78		46.6
10 ⁸ rads	1030	79	84		96.2
10 ⁹ rads	-	-	-		95.3
Silicone					
<u>S604-70</u>					
Original	1010	149	64		3.8
10 ⁷ rads	1020	129	-		20.0
10 ⁸ rads	938	31	73		90.15
10 ⁹ rads	-	-	-		104.7
<u>S684-70</u>					
Original	1200	165	73		
10 ⁷ rads	-	-	70		
10 ⁸ rads	-	-	-		
10 ⁹ rads	-	-	-		

^aData from Parker Seal, Minnesota Rubber Company.

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5.2.4 Compatibility with Seal Lubricants

The use of a lubricant in all seal applications has been recommended,^{1,2} with a thin coating of the proper type providing appreciable friction reduction and increased life, even at low levels of initial compression. Lubricants tested to date have been grease types, selected for proper lubricity and rubber compatibility. "Internally lubricated" rubber components (those not requiring external lubricant application) have been developed and are also being considered.

Elastomer-lubricant use combinations are

- DC55M (Dow Corning): A silicone-based grease for use with Buna N and EPDM elastomers
- Exxon 5182 (Exxon Corp.): A diester-based grease for use with Buna N, EPDM, and silicone elastomers.

DC55M is preferred in dynamic seal applications, providing lower starting friction after long dwell times. DC55M causes swell and softening of silicone rubber; Exxon 5182 should be used with this type.

5.2.5 Chemical Compatibility with System Construction Materials

The possibility was anticipated of elastomer scission or reaction (by contact with sodium, sodium vapor, etc.), thereby liberating certain ions capable of detrimental response with system materials of construction. To avoid this possibility, guidelines for elastomer selection included the following compositional requirements:

- No halogens, cadmium, or mercury
- 0.25% maximum chloride as impurity
- 0.05% maximum lead.

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6.0 SEAL LEAKAGE CALCULATIONS

The prime purpose of seals used in System 41 of the CRBRP is to prevent radioactive gases from escaping from the system into the building and beyond. Unfortunately, seals are not perfect and they permit small amounts of gases to pass through and around them.

To examine this problem and evaluate the radioactive level reached within the building created by this leakage, a parametric study was performed.¹² This report was based on the assumption that mechanical leakage (i.e., leakage around the seal) does not occur and that leakage is solely due to permeation through the elastomeric seals. This would be assured in practice by periodic testing to detect mechanical leakage.

The technique employed to evaluate the leakage of seals is new and unique. It investigates the transitory levels of radioactivity. The technique accounts for the radioactive decay and hold times as the gases permeate through the elastomeric seals.

6.1 TYPES OF SEALS EVALUATED

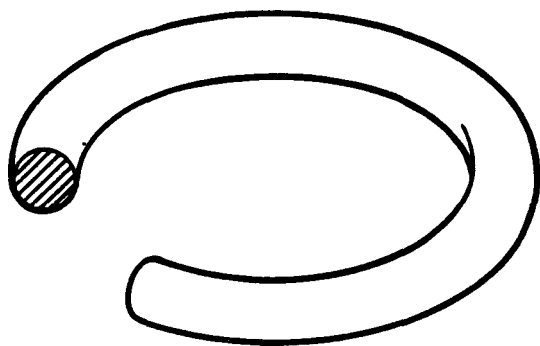
Three basic types of seal construction were evaluated within System 41:

- Solid cross-section elastomeric seals
- Inflatable elastomeric seals
- Metallic seals.

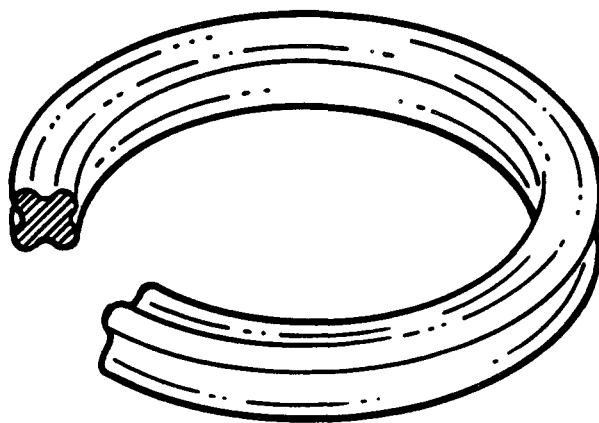
6.1.1 Solid-Cross-Section Elastomeric Seals

This type of seal is the most numerous within System 41. The most common forms (Figure 9) that are members of this category are

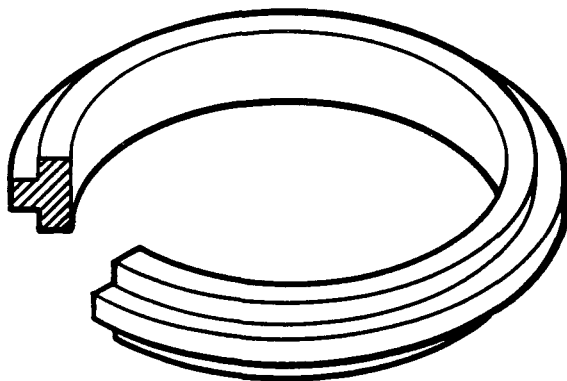
- O-ring
- T-seal
- Quad ring.



a. O-RING



b. QUAD RING



c. T-SEAL

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Figure 9. Solid Cross Section of Elastomeric Seals

The parametric study found very little leakage/permeability data available for T-seals or quad rings. To circumvent this difficulty, it used as a close approximation permeation data for O-rings. Tests have determined that permeation/leakage data of O-rings approach permeation data of elastomeric slab material.¹³

6.1.2 Inflatable Elastomeric Seals

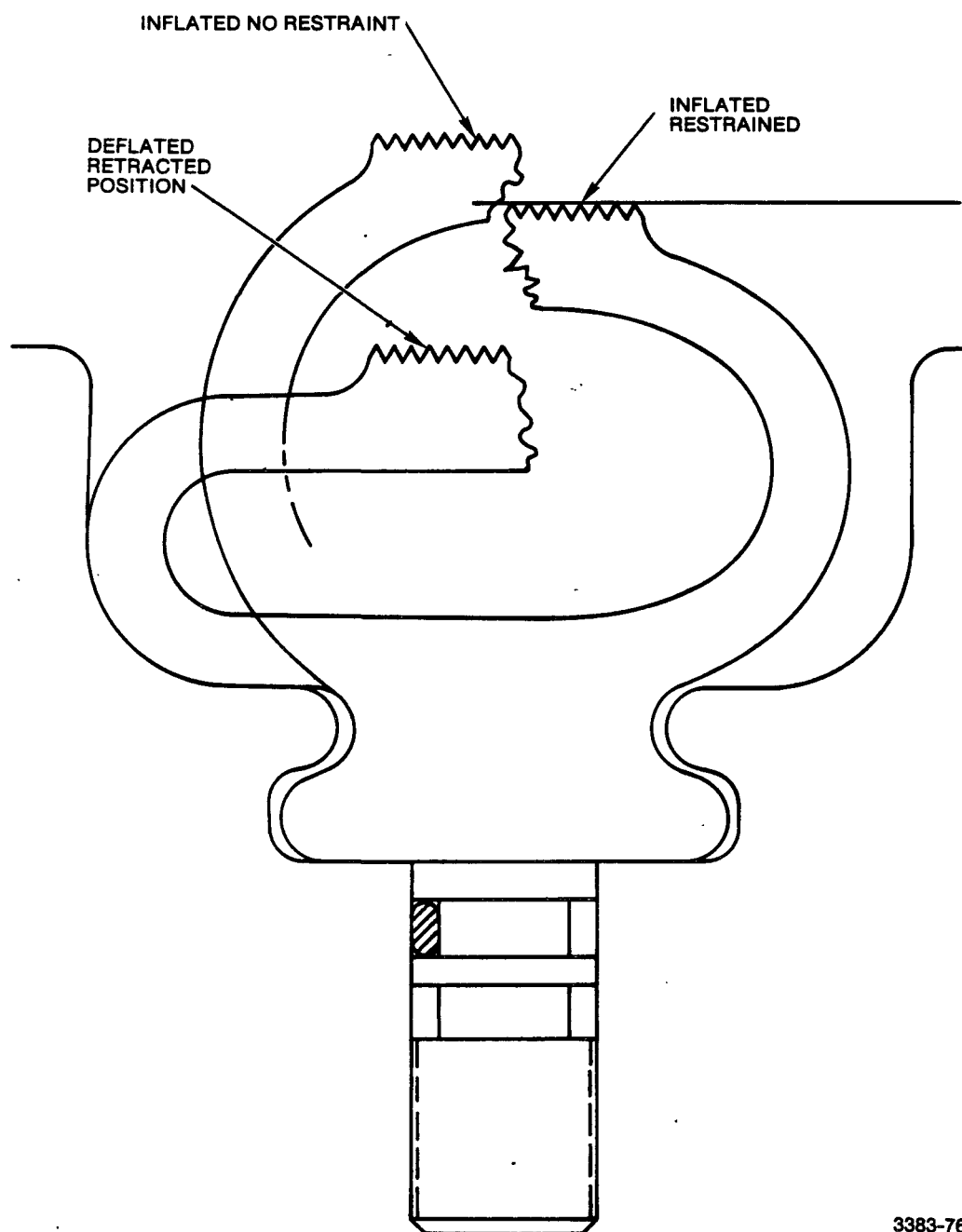
An inflatable seal is an elastomeric seal that may be pressurized from the interior to cause the seal to increase its size and create a sealing surface (Figure 10). The seal, very similar to a bicycle inner tube, is made of a laminated elastomer and fabric with a ridge surface attached to the top to form a sealing bead.

The report¹² indicates that, under ideal conditions (i.e., with no leakage around the seal), inflatable seals are the single largest leakage contributor. In addition, there was great difficulty in obtaining seals that met design specifications.

Due to these difficulties and the exceptionally high permeability of the current design of inflatable seals, no material selection will be made at this time. An improper material selection at this time could create problems in perfecting the design by placing it under undue constraints. The current concerns for inflatable seals and AI's approach to their solution are presented in Table 9.

6.1.3 Metallic Seals

For System 41, metallic seals infer metal O-rings. Under ideal conditions, metal O-rings have the lowest permeation/leakage rate of the three major types. This is due to essentially no permeation of gases through the metal and very little mechanical leakage by "perfect" sealing faces. The parametric leakage calculations have assumed ideal conditions and based their data on very limited testing of metal seals.



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Figure 10. Inflatable Seal

TABLE 9
CONCERNS AND SOLUTIONS FOR INFLATABLE SEALS

Concern	Approach for Solution
Due to manufacturer's lack of experience with the nuclear industry's requirement, difficulty exists in obtaining seals that satisfy the specifications.	AI is working with suppliers to upgrade seal quality and improve their understanding of the unique requirements of the nuclear industry.
There is a need to standardize on an optimum cross-section configuration.	AI is analyzing seal usage conditions and is working with seal manufacturers to design an optimum inflatable seal which may be used for most static applications. The current dynamic seal design is acceptable.
Difficulty has occurred with the reproducibility of the polymers. Reproducibility is necessary to assure that all seals will have equal mechanical response.	The manufacturer will be required to supply records assuring that all seals are manufactured from the same batch and cure date. The manufacturer will be required to perform standard ASTM tests to verify consistency of mechanical and physical properties.
The thermal degradation (long- and short-term) characteristics of the elastomer are not well defined.	Compounding studies are being conducted to upgrade knowledge of commercial and experimental materials.
There is a lack of knowledge surrounding the selection of the fabric reinforcement material.	Investigations about the high-temperature properties of fabrics are being conducted. The possibilities of a steel fabric are being reviewed.
It is desirable to minimize the permeation gases through the inflatable seal.	Use of foil permeation barriers is being considered.
More knowledge of irradiation damage on the functioning of the inflatable seal is needed.	Tests evaluating irradiation effects are planned to access the failure limits.

Under realistic conditions, it is the most difficult to achieve ideal sealing surfaces with metal O-rings. Therefore, leakage calculations of metallic O-rings are subject to some suspicion, yet present calculations are the best available.

6.2 UNITS OF "LEAKAGE" AND DESIGN CRITERIA

To understand the results of the study, it is necessary to understand the units of measurement and the "tentative" acceptance criteria.

The units of leakage measurement are fractional-maximum permissible concentration (FR-MPC) of a specific radioactive isotope or mixture of specific radioactive isotopes. The definition of the maximum permissible concentration (MPC)¹⁴ is an average radiation dose of 0.25 mrem/h for an area having full-time occupancy; larger doses are permissible for short durations.

The CRBRP has decided to limit the permissible radioactive exposure in continuously occupied areas to 0.2 mrem/h.¹⁴ They have also suggested that the maximum exposure due to radioactive gas leakage be limited to 10% of this value, i.e., 0.02 mrem/h.

Since this exposure is the cumulative summation of all "leaks" in the building, each source must be assigned its contribution. The precise contribution for each source has not yet been determined. For the purpose of this parametric study, 10% of the total exposure, or 0.002 mrem/h, was assigned each to both the EVTM and EVST. Thus, the normal FR-MPC for the two units is approximately 10^{-3} FR-MPC. Similar criteria were used to assign the IVTM a FR-MPC of 3×10^{-2} under normal conditions. The previous FR-MPCs are only suggestions and have not been officially accepted; they are subject to change at any time.

6.3 NORMAL AND ACCIDENT OPERATION

The upper normal limit for radioactivity within the interiors of the system is defined as 1% burst fuel pins in a fuel assembly. This is approximately two failed pins.

The definition of the maximum accident condition is the radioactivity caused by the bursting of an entire fuel assembly (217 fuel pins).

The FR-MPC limits established for normal operation do not apply for the more severe accident conditions. The FR-MPC limits for the maximum accident have not been established at this time.

6.4 PARAMETRIC STUDY RESULTS

Figures 11 through 20 give results from the parametric study and show the important calculations. The study has studied the case where all seals in the system are of one material.

Figure 11 shows that a finite time is required to reach the maximum FR-MPC. Systems totally of EPR and Buna N will satisfy the suggested leakage criteria because they are always below the 10^{-3} FR-MPC. Silicone will not satisfy this limit.

Figure 12 establishes that Xe-133 will be the primary radioactive source within the system. Therefore, all other isotopes created during a fuel assembly rupture will be neglected. The study also established, but the figure does not show, that FR-MPC has a linear relationship with the percentage of ruptured fuel pins.

Figure 13 establishes that as the purification rate of CAPS is increased, there is a decrease in peak FR-MPC.

Figure 14 establishes that as RSB vent rate is increased, there is a decrease in peak FR-MPC.

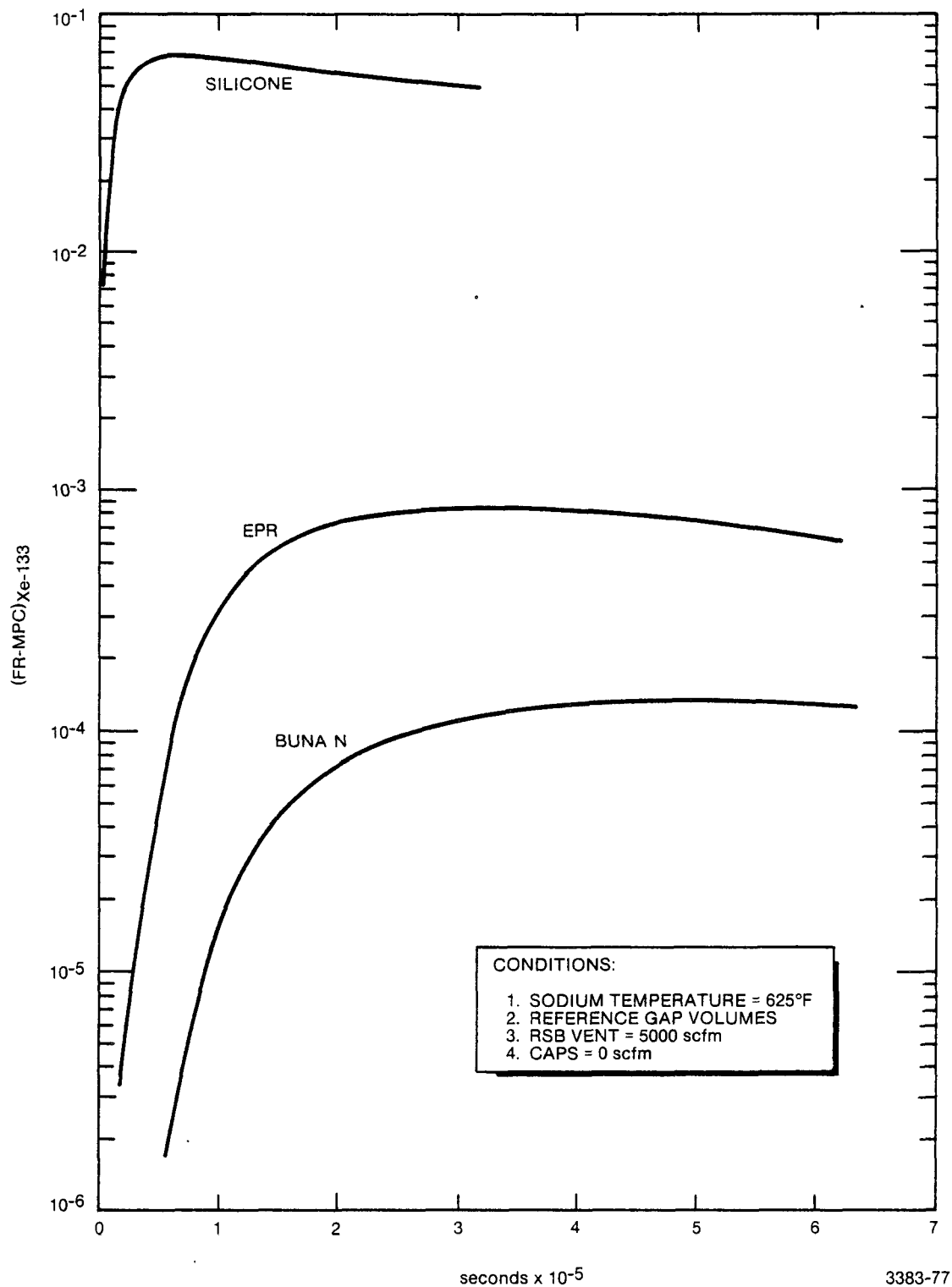


Figure 11. Effect of Elastomer Material on Xe-133 Leakage from EVST with Two Closed Floor Valves for Two Burst Fuel Pins

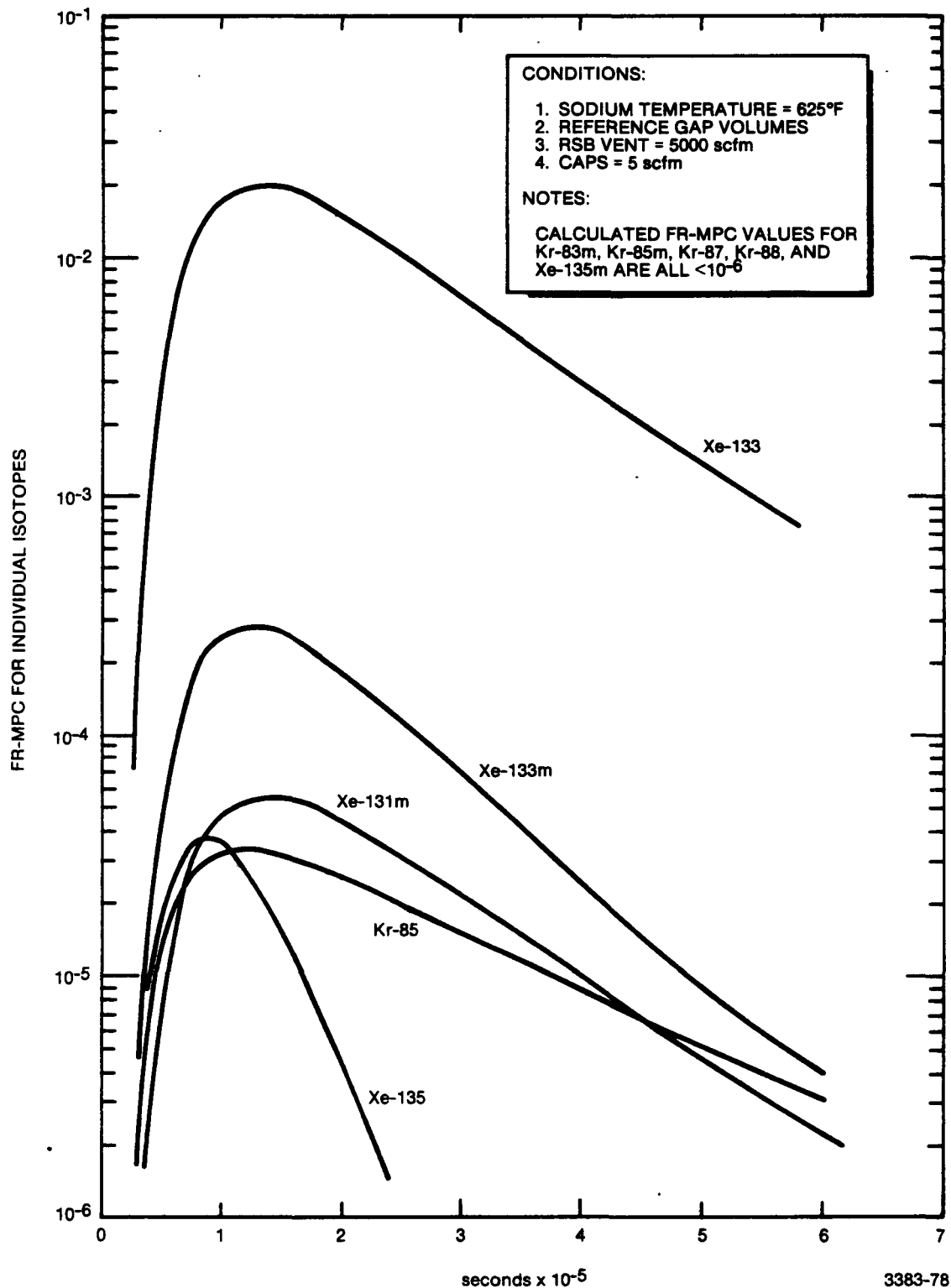


Figure 12. Xenon and Krypton Isotope Leakages Utilizing EPR Equivalent Seal for EVST with Two Closed Floor Valves for Burst of an Entire Fuel Assembly

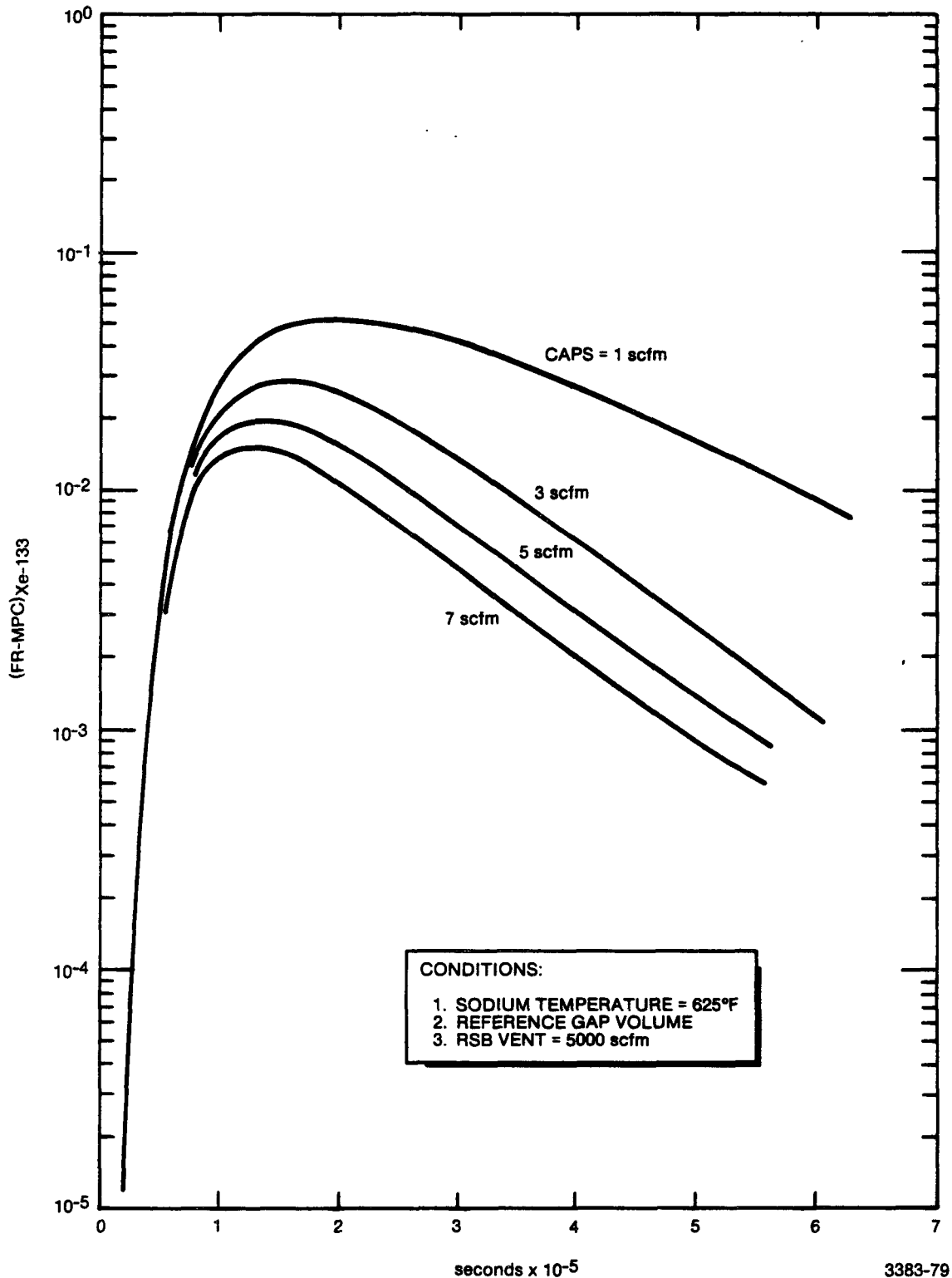


Figure 13. Parametric Study Utilizing EPR Equivalent Seal for EVST to Indicate Effect of CAPS Rate on Xe-133 Leakage for Burst of an Entire Fuel Assembly

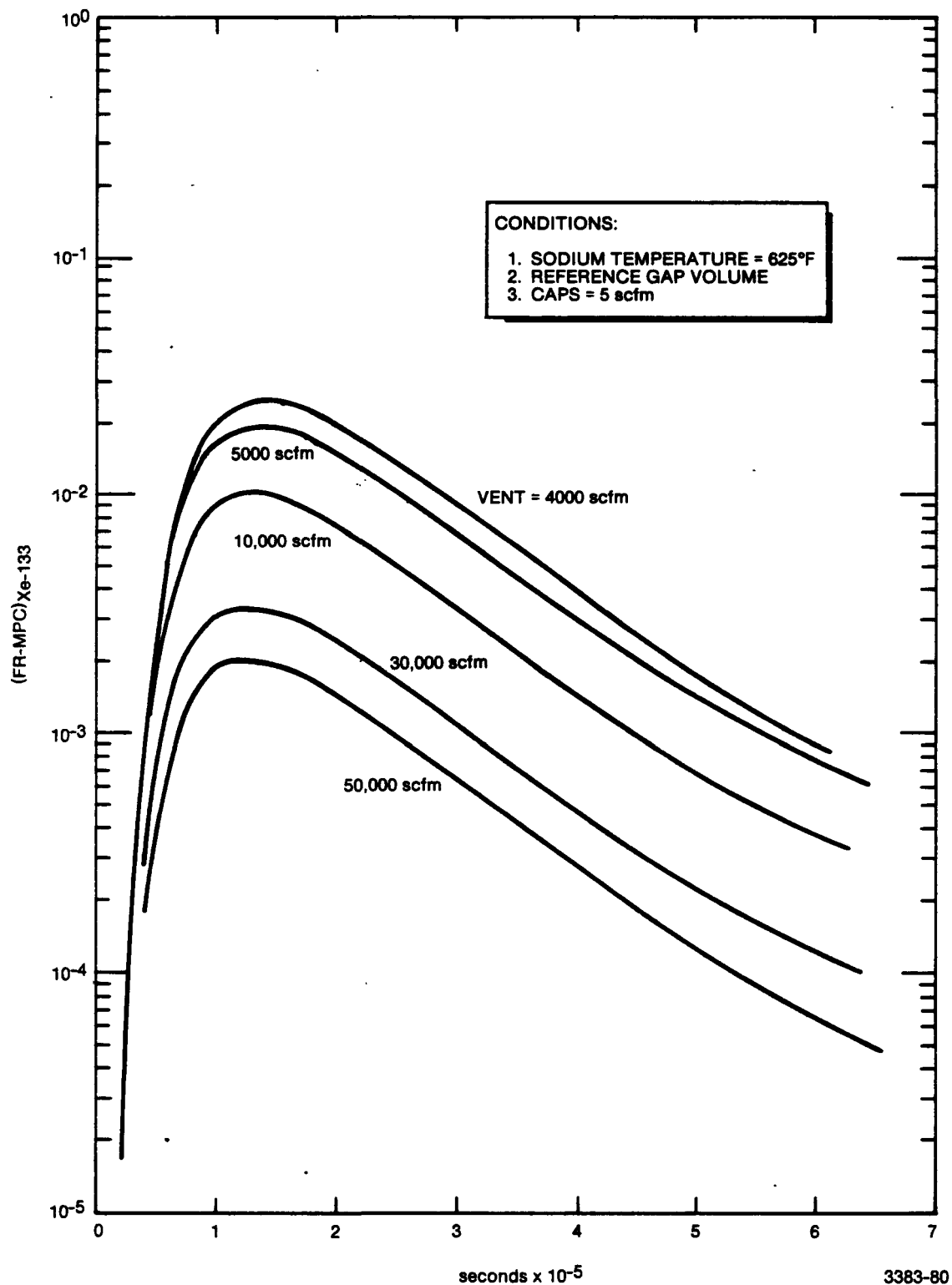


Figure 14. Parametric Study Utilizing EPR Equivalent Seal for EVST to Indicate Effect of RSB Vent Rate on Xe-133 Leakage for Burst of an Entire Fuel Assembly

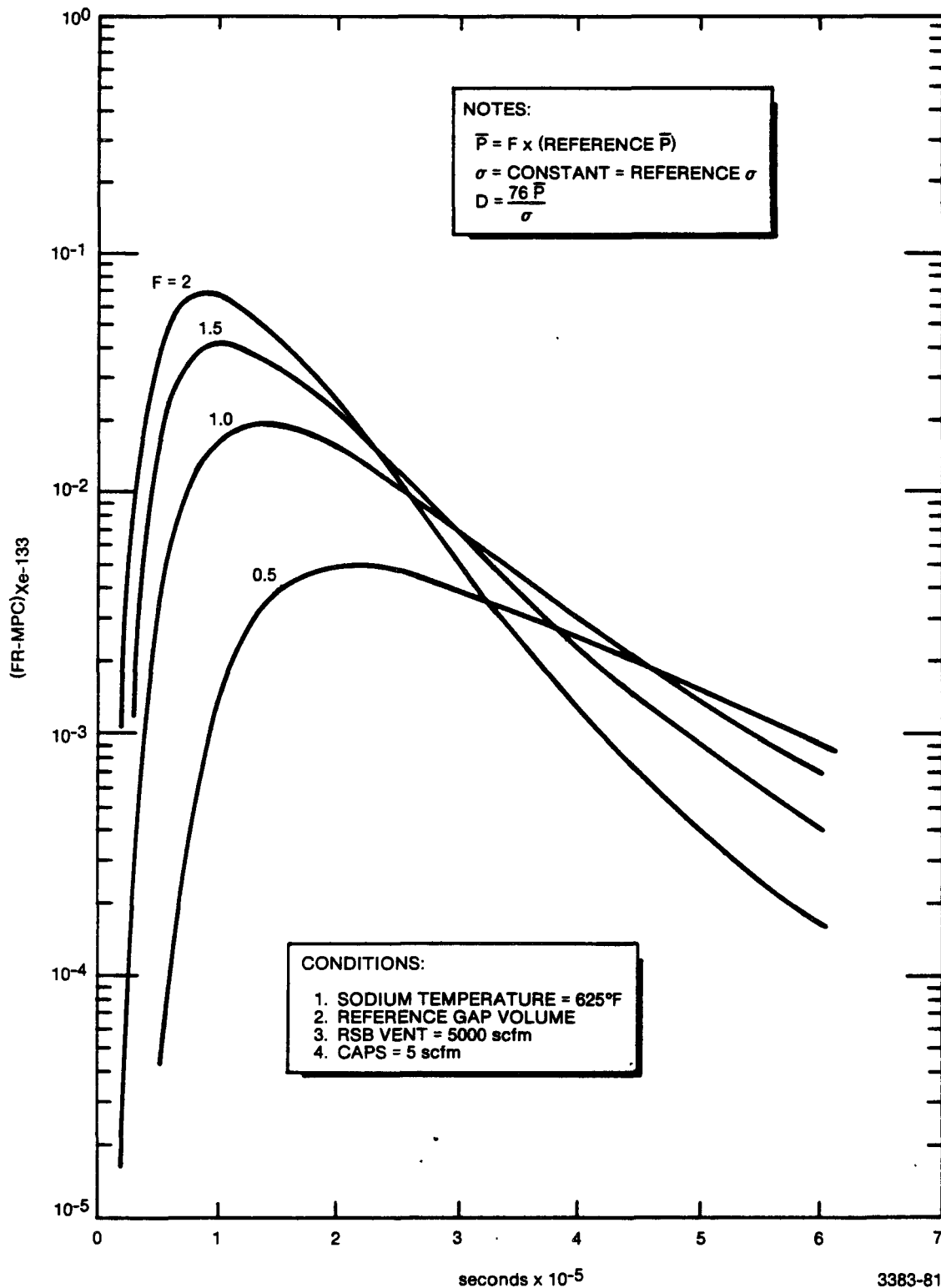


Figure 15. Parametric Study Utilizing EPR Equivalent Seal for EVST to Indicate Effect of Permeability on Xe-133 Leakage for Burst of an Entire Fuel Assembly

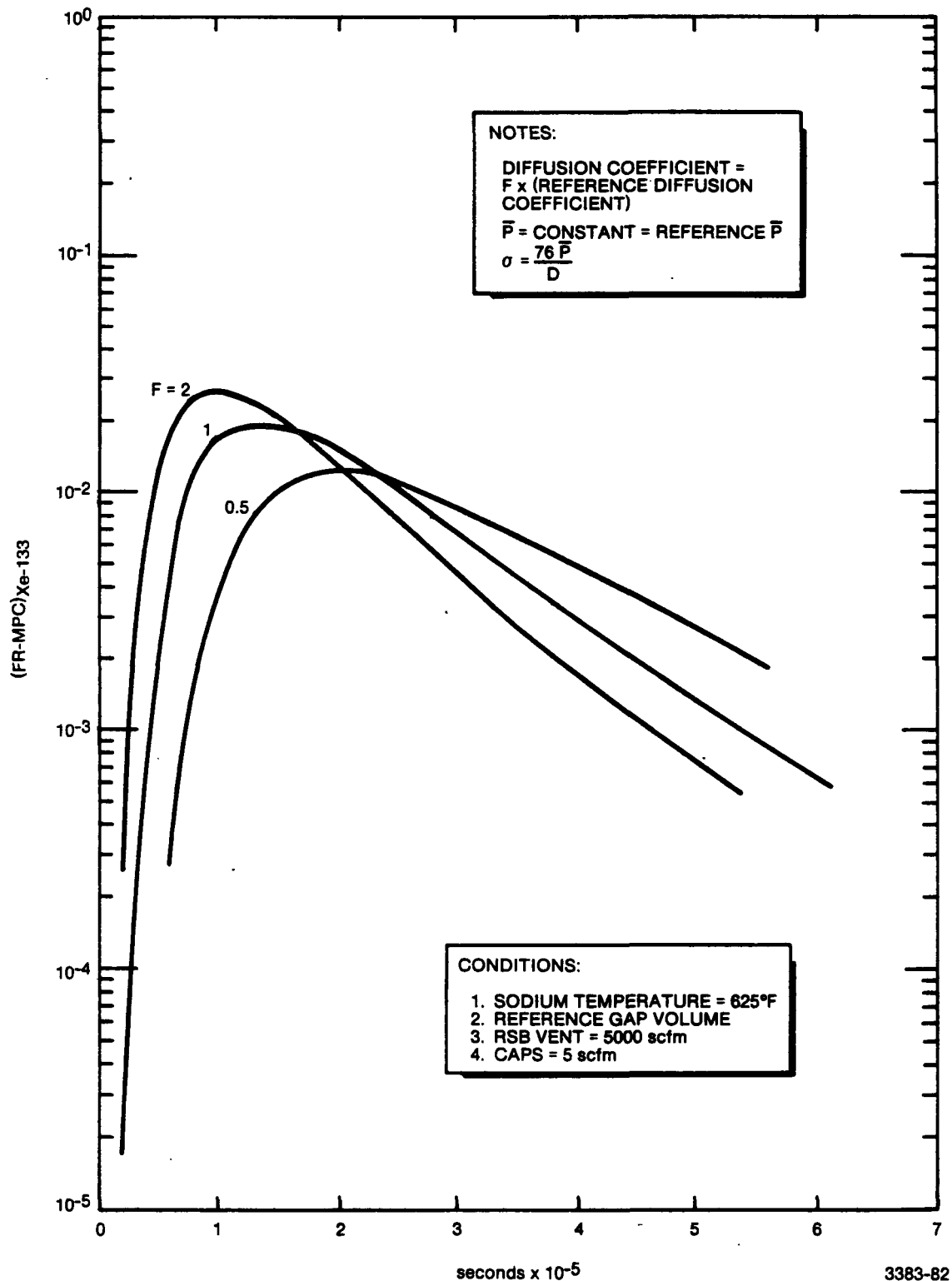


Figure 16. Parametric Study Utilizing EPR Equivalent Seal for
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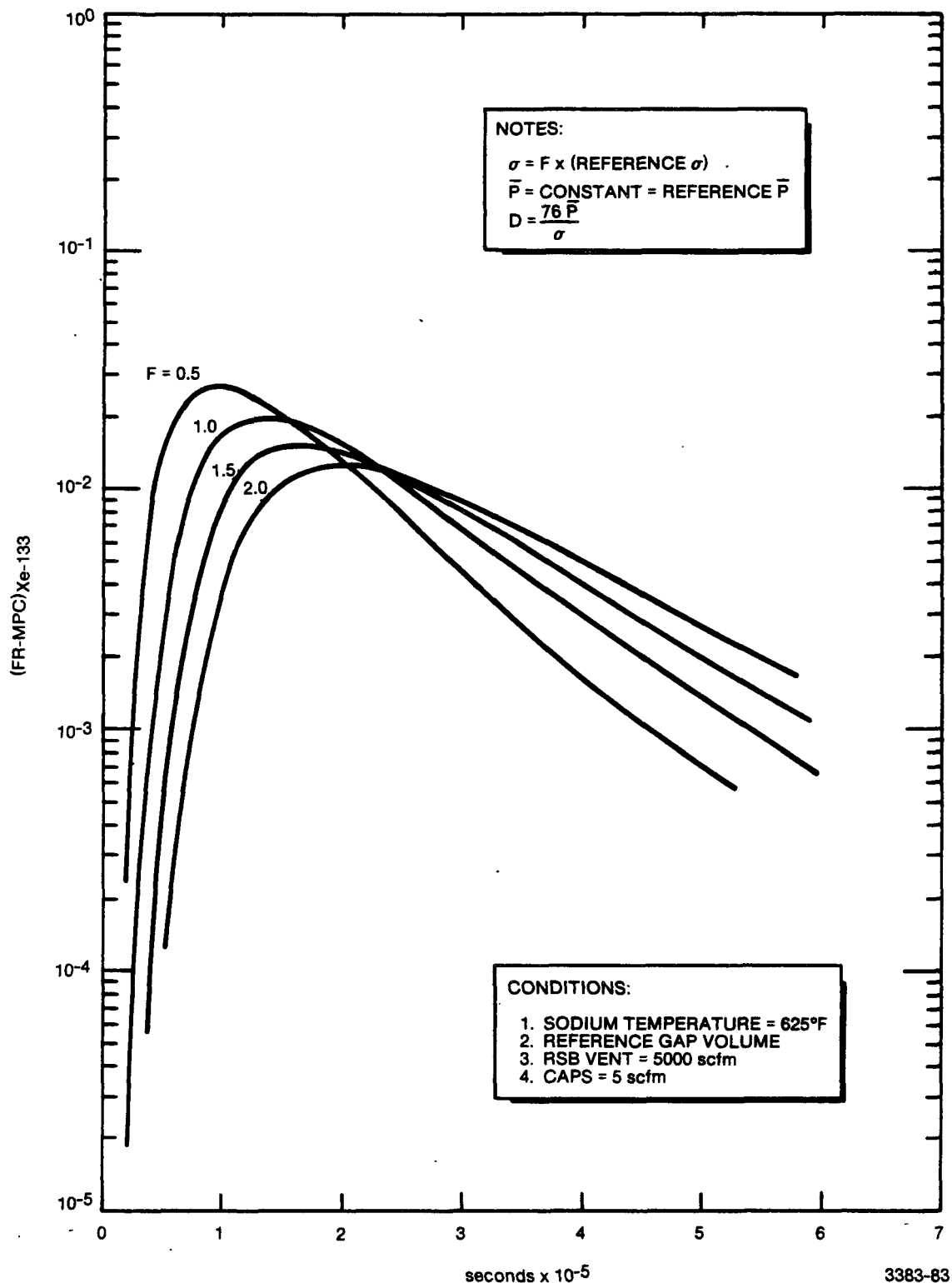
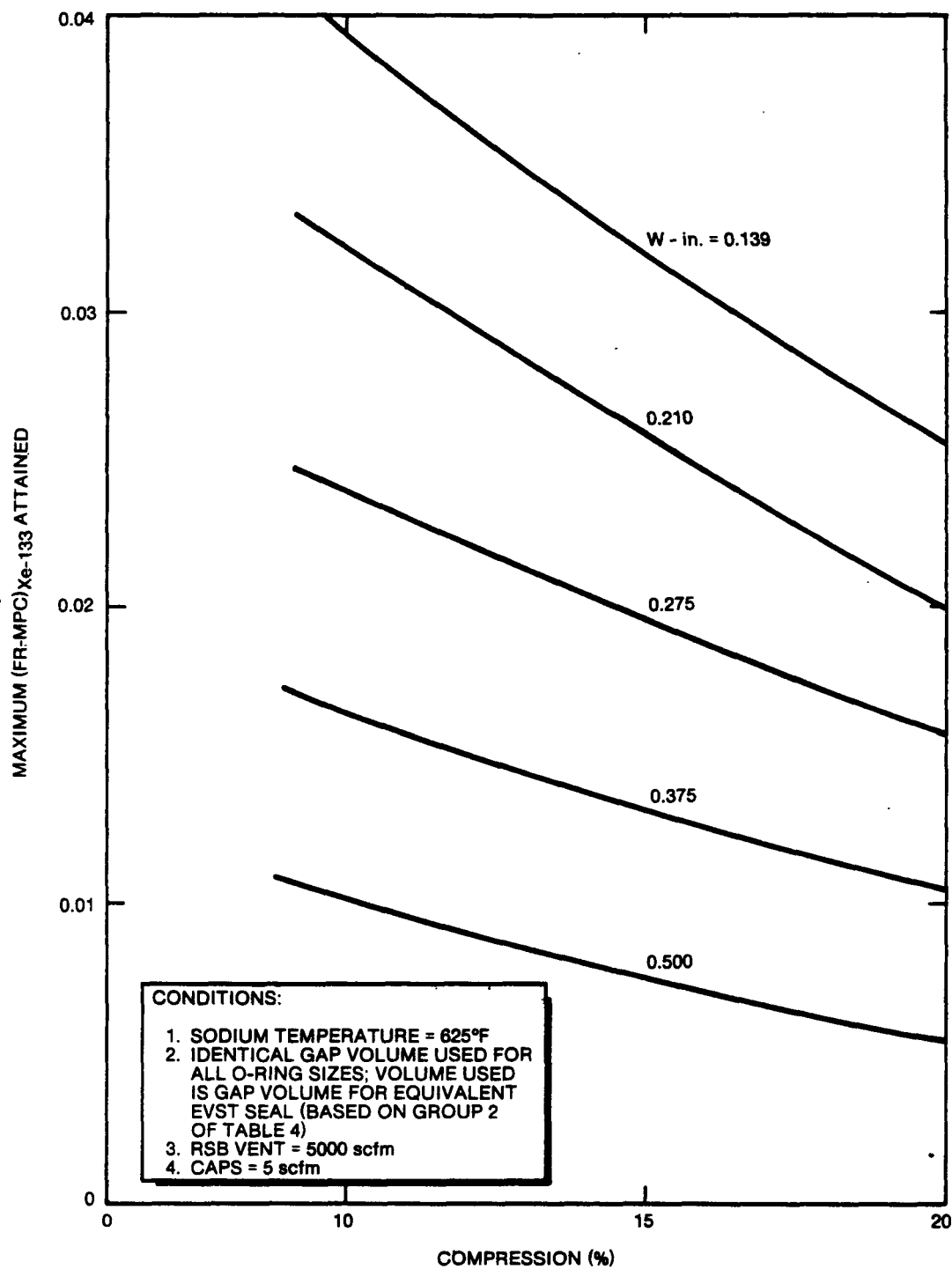


Figure 17. Parametric Study Utilizing EPR Equivalent Seal for EVST to Indicate Effect of Solubility on Xe-133 Leakage for Burst of an Entire Fuel Assembly



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Figure 18. Parametric Study Utilizing EPR Equivalent Seal for EVST to Indicate Effect of O-Ring Percent Compression and Initial Cross-Sectional Diameter (W) on Maximum Attained Xe-133 Leakage for Burst of an Entire Fuel Assembly

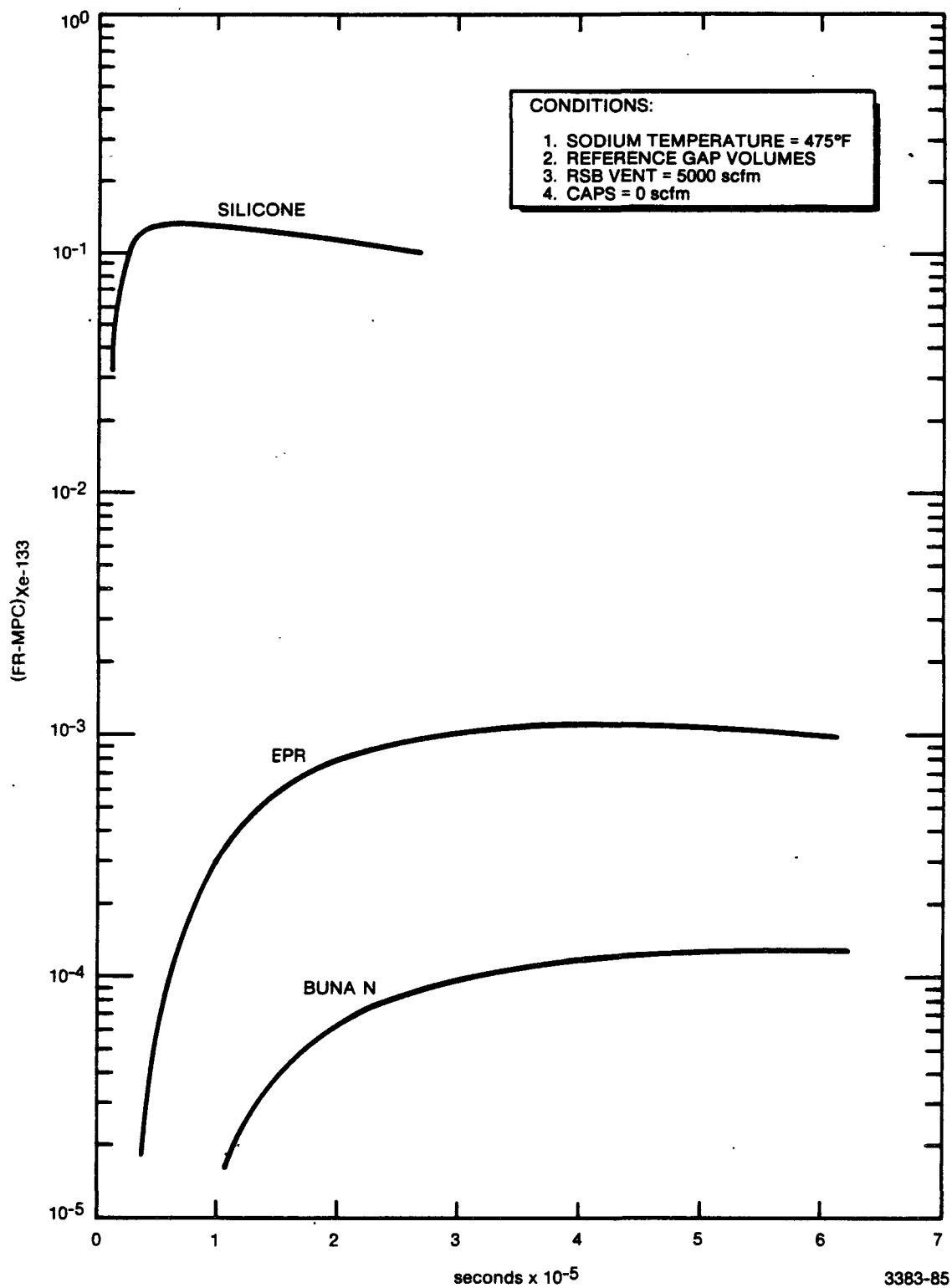


Figure 19. Effect of Elastomer Material on Xe-133 Leakage from EVST and Mated EVTm for Burst of Two Fuel Pins

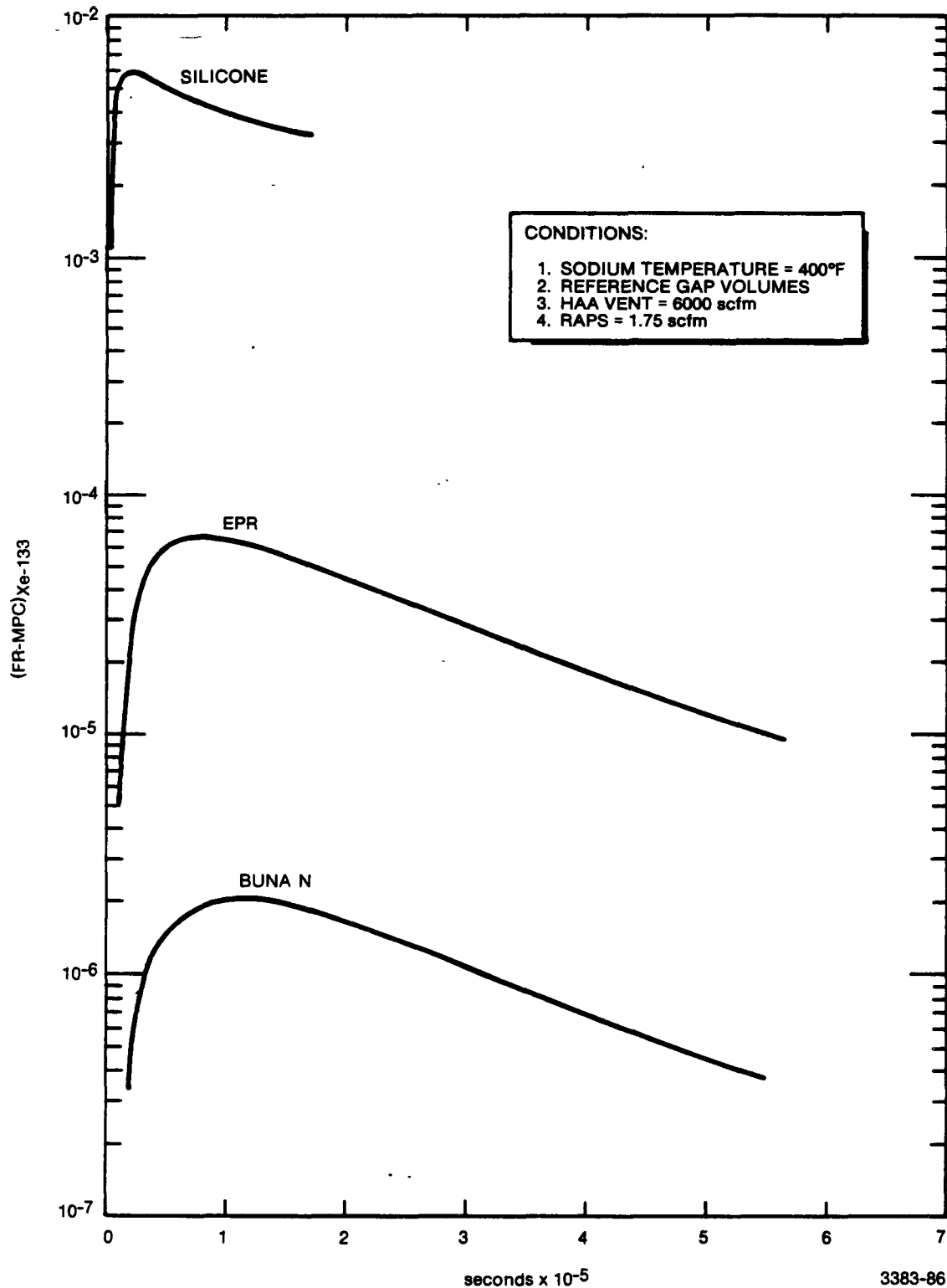


Figure 20. Effect of Elastomer Material on Xe-133 Leakage to HAA from IVTM When Mated to Reactor at 40 h After Reactor Shutdown and 1% Failed Fuel in Reactor at Shutdown

Figure 15 indicates that if the permeability data used within the study should be different, there would be a change in the maximum FR-MPC and in the time to reach peak concentrations. If the permeability factor were greater, peak leakage concentrations would be larger and reached faster. If the permeability factor were less, the peak concentrations would be lower and take longer to reach.

Figure 16 indicates essentially the same type of relationship for diffusion coefficient as Figure 15 does for permeability factor.

Figure 17 portrays essentially the same type of relationship for solubility constant as do Figures 15 and 16 except that it is inverted. As solubility goes up, the peak concentration goes down and shifts to longer times.

Figure 18 presents significant information in that it is different from most published data. It indicates that as cross-sectional diameter and initial compression are increased, peak FR-MPC is decreased.

Figure 19 involves the maximum normal operational radioactive case for the mated EVTM and EVST. It shows that all Buna N seals would have a peak FR-MPC that is significantly less than the maximum permissible leakage; EPR is just slightly greater, and silicone is significantly greater.

Figure 20 shows that the mated IVTM using all Buna N or EPR will easily meet the suggested leakage criteria. Silicone is slightly higher than the permissible leakage.

6.5 DISCUSSION OF PARAMETRIC LEAKAGE STUDY

The main conclusion of the parametric study was that the "leakage" requirements, as suggested, can be satisfied under normal conditions by proper selection of elastomeric materials. The report established, for the cases examined, that an all Buna N (nitrile) elastomer sealing system would always be below the suggested upper "leakage" rates. EPR sealing systems were either

below or just slightly above these limits. An all-silicone sealing system was always significantly above the limits.

To appreciate fully the significance of these conclusions and their application to the selection of elastomeric materials for seals, several details of the calculations and other facts must be reviewed:

- The actual numerical results should be conservative as the values of the variables used to generate the FR-MPC were the most conservative available.
- The conclusions are based on the demonstrated fact that the radioisotope Xe-133 contributes the major portion of the FR-MPC buildup. All other radioactive isotopes are assumed to contribute negligible amounts of radioactivity and are, therefore, neglected.
- This study has been based on the radioactive buildup within the building and is not limited only to the actual quantity of leakage. Therefore, parameters such as RSB ventilation rate, CAPS rate, and RSB volume, as well as leakage rate, must be taken into consideration to determine whether the FR-MPC is too high. It has been demonstrated that if these values are changed, the time versus FR-MPC relationship would also be changed. Therefore, if in final design different values are used, new radioactivity buildup calculations may be necessary.
- The sealing network of subsystems contained within System 41 are those established within preliminary and conceptual designs. These seal networks may be slightly changed before final design is complete. Therefore, some new "leakage" calculations may be required to verify that the calculated values of FR-MPC are still acceptable within the test cases.
- Not all types of seal contribute equally to the radioactivity buildup. Ideally, metallic seals should leak/permeate very little. This is the case examined within the study. In reality, this is achievable, but it is quite likely that achieved tolerances would permit greater-than-anticipated leakage. Therefore, metallic seals are not recommended unless absolutely necessary for exceptionally high-temperature applications, too high for elastomers, or cases where longer service life is necessary.

Solid-cross-section seals, such as O-rings, can essentially obtain ideal sealability and permit negligible "mechanical leakage, permitting only permeability." Therefore, their use is very desirable.

Inflatable seals have problems. The parametric study, under the idealistic condition of no mechanical leakage, indicated that in one case, a double set of inflatable seals could contribute as much as 30% leakage of the entire sealing network. Unfortunately, inflatable seals are essential to the designs of System 41 and must be used. Whenever possible, inflatable seals should have a solid-cross-section backup seal.

The result of the very high FR-MPC contribution from a few inflatable seals indicates that the leak rates of solid-cross-section seals are more conservative than estimated. This should permit further leeway in the selection of higher permeability elastomers for some solid-cross-section seals; the increased leakage should be minimal.

- Only a few limited cases have been evaluated within the parametric study. These cases indicate the limits and trends of three basic elastomer materials. The cases are quite satisfactory for indicating acceptable material selection, but additional studies may be required to certify the acceptability of material selection for final design.

7.0 BASIS FOR ELASTOMER SELECTION

Each of the elastomer types chosen for final consideration has certain properties useful for seal applications, based on its structure and composition. Table 10 briefly compares properties of the three elastomers of interest.

TABLE 10
PROPERTIES OF THREE ELASTOMERS

Elastomer	Positive	Negative
Buna N	Lowest permeability Low compression set Radiation resistance to $\sim 10^8 R+$ Mechanical properties	Intermediate thermal properties (temperature life)
EPDM	Thermal properties (temperature life) Radiation resistance to $\sim 10^8 R+$ Low compression set Mechanical properties	Intermediate permeability
Silicone	Thermal properties (temperature life) Radiation resistance to $\sim 10^8 R$	High permeability Mechanical properties

As is evident, seal selection and optimization require a compromise and consideration of specific applications in various System 41 subsystems. For example, in applications involving high temperature (in the range of 350 to 500°F, for example) and where use of an elastomeric seal is dictated, a silicone elastomer may be required in spite of its negative characteristics. Such use may require acceptance of higher leakage levels, more frequent replacement, etc.

With the above concept in mind, System 41 seal applications were reviewed with cognizant engineers and designers, and the various operating parameters were tabulated for study and seal optimization. Such study has indicated that the great majority of the "normal" and "upset" conditions of seal temperature, radiation, and operation (seal type, static, dynamic, etc.) would be better handled by Buna N (nitrile) rubber, this type giving the lowest possible leakage by gas permeability. Intermediate temperature range applications, presumably above Buna N capabilities, will be handled by EPDM, leaving a few to silicone rubber seals, possibly metal rings, or other construction.

Summarizing, the following general criteria were used to select materials:

- Lowest permeability to reactor cover gases commensurate with the temperature requirements of the majority of applications
- Gamma radiation resistance of the three elastomer types about equivalent at approximately 10^8 rads
- Temperature limits for 5-year life (based on test data and extrapolations; nominal compressions to 30% maximum)

Buna N	~140°F
EPDM	~210°F
Silicone	~220°F.

Detailed seal selections and recommendations are presented in the appendix. For clarity, the basis for the selections are restated as follows:

- Five-year seal life under normal conditions with maximum sealing properties
- Under some conditions, 5-year life may not be obtainable, due to the variety of possible transients, too complex for analysis
- After "upset" (or accident) conditions, though corrected as soon as practical, the effects of such conditions (excess temperature, radiation exposure, etc.) should be considered as to their effects on seals and the desirability of seal replacement
- Seals exposed to cycling temperature are subject to life variations dependent on extent of temperature excursions, number of cycles in lifetime, amount of prestress on seal, etc.

- In consideration of seal materials, AI Engineering has reviewed but is not confirming seal design or mechanical arrangement. Materials selection to accommodate proposed designs have been made. These are given in the appendix.

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APPENDIX

SEAL DATA CHARTS WITH ELASTOMER SELECTIONS

SYSTEM: 41		SUBSYSTEM: EVTM		COMPONENT: Grapple Drive Housing (Conceptual drawing used, changes have been made in preliminary design)												Seal Dimensions												Seal Selection				Normal Maintenance Period (years)	Desirable Service Life (years)	Comments or Special Problems
Seal No.	Seal Name	Seal Format		Service Conditions						Atmosphere		Radiation Dose Rate		Nominal Dia. (in.)	Cross Section Dia. (in.)	Gland Width	Dimension			Nominal Comp. (%)	Seal Length (in.)	Gland Surface Finish (rms)			Leakage Path	Material	Vendor & Compound	Part No.	Hardness Shore A					
		Type	Applica- tions	Accident (°F)	Time	Normal (°F)	Time	No. Cycles	Media	P(Psig)	Accident (rad/h)	Normal (rad/h)	(in.)				Depth (in.)	Top	Bot			Side												
1	Chain Fall Cavity to Grapple Drive Housing	O	S	250		150			Ar	±15	NA	50	~31	~25															5	5				
2			S										~31																5	5				
3	Grapple Drive Top to Grapple Drive Sides		S										~87.5x28																5	5	Rectangular Path			
4			S										~87.5x28																5	5				
5	Side to Top		S										~84x28																5	5	Rectangular Path			
6			S										~84x28																5	5				
7	Chain Wheel Cover to Top		S										~35																5	5				
8													~35																5	5				
9	Encoder Sleeve		S										~8																5	5				
10			S										~8																5	5				
11	Encoder Shaft		D										~1.75																5	5				
12			D										~1.75																5	5				
13	Motor Drive Sleeve		S										~8																5	5				
14			S										~8																5	5				
15	Motor Drive Shaft		D										~1.75																5	5				
16			D										~1.75																5	5				
17	Actuator Sleeve		S										~8																5	5				
18			S										~8																5	5				
19	Actuator Shaft		D										~1.75																5	5				
20			D										~1.75																5	5				
21a-f	Glove Parts (6)		S										~11																5	5				
22a-f			S										~11																5	5				
23a-f			S										~11																5	5				
24a-f			S										~11																5	5				
25	Chain Fall Cavity (bottom)	O	S	250		150			Ar	±15	NA	50	~12x36	~25															5	5	Rectangular Path Dimensions from J. Bellumini			
26			S										~12x36																5	5				

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Seal No.	Seal Name	Seal Format		Service Conditions									Seal Dimensions										Seal Selection				Normal Maintenance Period (years)	Desirable Service Life (years)	Comments or Special Problems	
				(2) Temperature				Atmosphere		Radiation Dose Rate (1)		Nominal Dia. (in.)	Cross Section Dia. (in.)	Gland Dimension		Nominal Comp. (%)	Seal Length (in.)	Gland Surface Finish (rms)			Leakage Path	Material	Vendor & Compound	Part No.	Hardness Shore					
		Type	Applic. Area	Accident (°F)	Time	Normal (°F)	Time (yrs)	No. Cycles	Media	P (Psig)	Accident (rad/hr)			Normal (rad)	Width (in.)			Depth (in.)	Top	Bot						Side				
1	Support Flange Inner Seal	O-Ring	Static	TBD	TBD	70-240	5	TBD	Argon Air	+30 -15	600	≤6000	26.25 I.D.	0.50	0.73	0.40	13-25		32	32	32		EPR	Parker E692	-	75	5	5		
2	Support Flange Outer Seal	O-Ring	Static	TBD	TBD	70-240	5	TBD	Argon Air	+30 -15	600	≤6000	19.50 I.D.	0.50	0.73	0.40	13-25		32	32	32		EPR	Parker E692	-	75	5	5		
3	Storage Plug Seal	O-Ring	Static	70-120	5 yrs	70-120	5	TBD	Argon Air	+30 -15	600	≤6000	17.72 I.D.	0.50	0.33	0.22	20-30		32	32	32		Buna N	Parker N741	-	75	5	5		
a-c																														

In 5 year dose: Transfer 20 DDCI/SCPS Plus/s/yr \times 5 yr \times 10 min exposure $\frac{1 \text{ hr}}{60 \text{ min}} \times 500 \text{ rad/hr} = 6000 \text{ rad}$

Define accident condition as such fuel assemble adjacent transfer.

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SYSTEM: 41		SUBSYSTEM: EVST		COMPONENT: Inspection Plugs																										A 24	
Seal No.	Seal Name	Seal Format		Service Conditions										Nominal Dia. (in.)	Cross Section Dia. (in.)	Gland Width	Seal Dimensions					Seal Selection				Normal Maintenance Period (years)	Desirable Service Life (years)	Comments or Special Problems			
		Type	Applications	Temperature				Atmosphere		Radiation Dose Rate		Leakage Path	Material				Vendor & Compound	Part No.	Hardness Shore												
				Accident (°F) (2)	Time	Normal (°F) (1)	Time	No. Cycles	Media	P (Paig)	Accident (rad/h)									Normal (rad)	Dimension (in.)	Depth (in.)	Nominal Comp. (%)	Seal Length (in.)	Gland Surface Finish (rms)				Top	Bot.	Side
A a-b	Inner Annulus (4 plugs) (8 seals)	"O"-Ring	Static	②		150				Argon		1.5 x 10 ⁴	8 x 10 ⁵	3.25	.210						-0-0-	EPR	Parker E692	-	75		>5 yrs	Piston Groove Type			
B a-b	Dip Seal Inspection					150						1.5 x 10 ⁴	8 x 10 ⁵	2.25	.210						-0-0-			-							
C a-b	Dip Seal Inspection (Head)					160						1.5 x 10 ⁴	8 x 10 ⁵	2.25	.210						-0-0-			-							
D a-b	Outer Annulus (4 plugs) (8 seals) (Head)					160						1.5 x 10 ⁴	8 x 10 ⁵	6.50	.275						-0-0-			-							
E a-b	Dip Seal (Head) Inspection					150						1.5 x 10 ⁴	8 x 10 ⁵	6.50	.275						-0-0-			-							
F a-b	Outer Annulus (4 plugs) (8 seals) (T/T)					216						≤ 20	5 x 10 ⁵	3.25	.210						-0-0-			-							
G a-b	Dip Seal (T/T) Inspection					216						≤ 20	5 x 10 ⁵	2.25	.210						-0-0-			-							
H a-b	Dip Seal Inspection (S/V)	"O"-Ring	Static	②		145				Argon		1.5 x 10 ³	5 x 10 ⁵	2.25	.210						-0-0-	EPR	Parker E692	-	75		>5 yrs	Piston Groove Type			
* 5 Year Dose																															
(1) Sodium Pool 625°																															
(2) No cooling is defined as accident condition Analysis not performed yet																															

SYSTEM: 41				SUBSYSTEM: FHC				COMPONENT: CEILING																A 25											
Seal No.	Seal Name	Seal Format		Service Conditions										Nominal Dia. (in.)	Cross Section Dia. (in.)	Gland Width	Seal Dimensions					Seal Selection				Normal Maintenance Period (years)	Desirable Service Life (years)	Comments or Special Problems							
				(1) Temperature				Atmosphere		Radiation Dose Rate (1)		Leakage Path	Material				Vendor & Compound	Part No.	Hardness Shore																
		Type	Applica-tions	Accident (°F)	Time	Normal (°F)	Time	No. Cycles	Media	P(Paig)	Accident (rad/h)									Normal (rad)	Dimension (in.)	Depth (in.)	Nominal Comp. (%)	Seal Length (in.)	Gland Surface Finish (rms)				Top	Bot	Side				
1	Examination Station Access Port	O	Static	NA		100			Ar	~1	NA	N11	~10.5	~12.0	0.208																				
2	Spent Fuel Loading Access Port	O	Static	NA		100			Ar	~1	NA	N11	~10.5	~12.0	0.208																				
3	Spent Fuel Transfer Port Cover Plate	O	Static	695		105			Ar	~1	1x10 ⁶	6x10 ⁶	15.525	17.005	0.275																				
4	Spent Fuel Port, Shield Plug	O	Static	NA Removed		100			Ar	~1	NA	N11	9.512	9.512	0.139																				
5	Port to Floor Valve Adapter										NA	N11																				Not designed at this time			
6	Main Cover Plate	O	Static	NA		100			Ar	~1	NA	N11	80.390	81.761	0.210																		Dovetail grooves		
7	Inflatable Seals	IP	Static	NA		200			Ar	~1	500	2500	~30	~31	NA																				
8	Seal Ring	O	Static	NA		100			Ar	~1	NA	N11	33.261	34.580	0.210																		Dovetail groove		
9	28" Plug	O	Static	NA		100			Ar	~1	NA	N11	28.702	30.167	0.210																		Dovetail groove		
10	12" Plug	O	Static	NA		150			Ar	~1	NA	N11	12.00	12.829	0.210																		Dovetail groove		
11	Drive Shaft	O	D	NA		100			Ar	~1	NA	N11	1.607	0.370	0.285																				
12	Drive Support Cover	O	Static	NA		100			Ar	~1	NA	N11	18.702	20.014	0.210																				
13	Drive Cavity Cover			NA		100					NA	N11	Unique	Unique																					
																(1) 5 year radiation dose																			

Seal No.	Seal Name	Seal Format		Service Conditions										Seal Dimensions										Seal Selection				Normal Maintenance Period (years)	Desirable Service Life (years)	Comments or Special Problems
				Temperature				Atmosphere		Radiation Dose Rate		Nominal Dia. (in.)	Cross Section Dia. (in.)	Gland Width	Dimension		Nominal Comp. (%)	Seal Length (in.)	Gland Surface Finish (rms)			Leakage Path	Material	Vendor & Compound	Part No.	Hardness Shore				
		Type	Application	Accident (°F)	Time	Norm (°F)	Time	No. Cycles	Media	P(Paig)	Accident (rad/h)				Normal (rad)	Top			Bot	Side										
1	Housing Lid Outer	O-Ring	Static	NA		70 to 100 Max			Ar	±15	NA	6 x 10 ⁵	217.0 in long	0.275				212.5					BunaN	Parker N741	-	75	5	5		
2	Housing Lid Inner	O-Ring	Static			70 to 100 Max			Ar	±15	NA	6 x 10 ⁵	212.5 in long	0.275				217.0						-						
3	Drive Shaft Right Side Inner	O-Ring	Dynamic			70 to 100 Max			Ar	±15	NA	6 x 10 ⁵	3.25	0.21				10.21						-						
4	Drive Shaft Left Side Outer	O-Ring	Dynamic			70 to 100 Max			Ar	±15	NA	6 x 10 ⁵	3.25	0.21				10.21						-						
5	Drive Shaft Right Side Outer	O-Ring	Dynamic			70 to 100 Max			Ar	±15	NA	6 x 10 ⁵	3.25	0.21				10.21						-						
6	Drive Shaft Left Side Inner	O-Ring	Dynamic			70 to 100 Max			Ar	±15	NA	6 x 10 ⁵	3.25	0.21				10.21						-						
7	Drive Shaft Collar Right Inner	O-Ring	Static			70 to 100 Max			Ar	±15	NA	6 x 10 ⁵	6.50	0.21				20.42						-						
8	Drive Shaft Collar Left Inner	O-Ring	Static			70 to 100 Max			Ar	±15	NA	6 x 10 ⁵	6.50	0.21				20.42						-						
9	Drive Shaft Collar Right Outer	O-Ring	Static			70 to 100 Max			Ar	±15	NA	6 x 10 ⁵	6.50	0.21				20.42						-						
10	Drive Shaft Collar left Outer	O-Ring	Static			70 to 100 Max			Ar	±15	NA	6 x 10 ⁵	6.50	0.21				20.42						-						
11	Grapple Shaft Actuate Inner	O-Ring	Dynamic			70 to 100 Max			Ar	±15	NA	6 x 10 ⁵	2.00	0.21				6.28						-						
12	Grapple Shaft Actuate Outer	O-Ring	Dynamic			70 to 100 Max			Ar	±15	NA	6 x 10 ⁵	2.00	0.21				6.28						-						
13	Grapple Shaft Collar Inner	O-Ring	Static			70 to 100 Max			Ar	±15	NA	6 x 10 ⁵	4.00	0.21				13.74						-						
14	Grapple Shaft Collar Outer	O-Ring	Static	NA		70 to 100 Max			Ar	±15	NA	6 x 10 ⁵	4.32	0.21				13.74				BunaN	Parker N741	-	75	5	5	* 5 yr dose.		

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